

MAJOR JOSEPH GRAFTON

From the portrait by Gilbert Stuart in the possession of  
Joseph Grafton Minot of Boston.



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The following notes on the Grafton family were collected many years ago, chiefly while engaged in research upon other families. Lack of time since then has caused them to be laid aside until now, but in view of the prominence of the family in the early days of Salem and its connection with other well-known names it seems worth while to print them.

It is a remarkable fact that, even though the family was never a large one and was for the most part in Salem, a search of the vital records of all the towns in Essex County down to the year 1850 reveals but two references to the name. The line appears to have practically died out and in the entire record which follows there are but eight male lines which might possibly be carried down to a later date and of these it is probable that the majority of these sons were never married.

It is not known from what part of England Joseph Grafton came, but in Emmerton and Waters "Gleanings from English Records" appears the will of Thomas Gardner, citizen and grocer of London; August 23, 1590, proved October 24, 1590; in which are mentioned "wife Katherine, cosen John Gardner, sons Thomas, Christopher and Jeremy, cosen Richard Grafton, Henry Pickering" and others. (Drury L69.) The association of the names Pickering, Gardner and Grafton is at least suggestive and note their recurrence in connection with Priscilla (Grafton) Gardner (No. 3).

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Joseph Grafton was in Salem at least as early as 1636, as the baptism of a child is recorded in January of that year. He was a mariner and merchant and evidently a man of considerable importance and large affairs and at the time of his death he left what was a large estate for those days, including much real estate. His first wife was Mary, daughter of Thomas and Ann Moore of Southwold, England, whose mother was certainly living here, for "goodwife Grafton requesteth a pcell of land for hir

mother at y<sup>e</sup> ende of hir husbands lott & it is granted to be laid out at y<sup>e</sup> discretion of the sureiors," August 28th 1637. Thomas Moore died before 1636.

It is also evident that, beside the daughter Mary, there was also in Salem a son Thomas, for "11th 5th mo. 1636 Thomas Moore sonne to widow Moore & his wife are received for Inhabitants and may haue one fishing lot on the neck." (Salem Town Records.)

Other grants of land, both to the widow and her son, are recorded. Her death does not appear nor was her estate settled in the Essex County Court, but she was living in 1668 when "Hana alias Ann More, widow, having sold a house, land and orchard adjoining, containing about an acre and a quarter, lying in Salem between the land of Mr. Joseph Grafton, sr. and Nathaniell Grafton, came into court and declared that she sold the premises for her necessary use, and the court allowed it." (Quarterly Court Records, June 1668.)

"On August 17, 1668, Ann More, of Salem, widow, executed another deed to John Turner, mariner, for a messuage or tenement at Salem, a dwelling house, with all the ground adjoining, containing one acre and three-fourths, partly an orchard, and part arable, lying on the south by the highway that ran between the premises and the south harbor, and westerly with the house and land of Joseph Grafton, senior, northerly with the land of Edward Wollen, and easterly with the land and house of Nathaniel Grafton, formerly bot of Ann More. The whole including that sold to N. Grafton, containing about two acres." The deed was acknowledged on February 9, 1668/9 (12 mo. 9), and recorded at Salem, Lib. 3 of Deeds, p. 49.

This enables the site of her house and land to be yet traced, as well as Turner's wharf at the foot of Turner street, now having another name. And it is satisfactory evidence that she, the widow, was living in 1668. By tradition her son Thomas helped her build the house, and perhaps he lived in it, while he lived in Salem.

"It was a curious imitation of the manor law in England, that she had to appear in court at Salem to have

the sale of her house and land allowed; stating that she sold the same "for her necessary use." But the allotments and titles of land in Massachusetts were generally upon the same footing as the manor courts by "copy of court roll" in England." (The Moore Family of Southold, L. I., by Charles B. Moore, New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, April, 1884.)

In the first list of grants, December 26, 1636, to July 12, 1637, is the entry, "Tho: Mores widdow 10 acres." On the 20th of the 12th mo. 1636 these 10 acres were laid out "att Jeffrys Creek" (Manchester). The 3d of 1st mo. 1637 the "Widoo Moore desireth a howseloote (vpon) neere vnto the Winter Iland among the ffisher-manns lotts." The 20th of the 9th mo. 1639 she "desireth a ffarme." In Roger Conant's list, which probably refers to the division of "the Marsh & meadow lands" on 25th of 10th mo. 1637, she had 5 in her family and was therefore entitled to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre. Finally, on the 30th of the 7th mo. 1644 "The Widow Moore the midwife . . . shall . . . haue so much of the wett marsh or swampe as lyes before (her) ground." (Salem Town Records.)

Joseph Grafton's name is found among the Freemen created May 17th 1637, and the fact that he began so early to make extended voyages and to conduct business affairs which must have taken some little time to institute inclines the writer to the belief that he had been in New England, and perhaps in Boston, for some years before his first appearance in Salem.

In the list of land grants 1636-7 he had forty acres and a little later thirty more of "freemans land" and he was "pmised planten ground" July 12th 1637. He certainly owned all the land on both sides of the present Hardy Street, from Essex Street to the harbor and back of the harbor and on the eastern side was a large lot, owned before 1661 by a Mr. More, which was conveyed by his wife Ann or Hanna, March 10th 1664/5, to Joseph's son Nathaniel Grafton, while behind this, still to the eastward, was another lot which belonged to Joseph Grafton, Sr. There is one more reference to his wife's mother:—



"Joseph Graftons mother in law forgotten in the devisioun shall haue her halfe acres of marsh land, " June 25th 1638. In the division of marsh and meadows, in the lists made, it is believed by Conant, he is set down as having seven in the family and therefore had one acre allotted to him. Before 1650 he had sold land in the South Field to James Smith of Marblehead, for Smith bequeaths it in his will November 9th 1650 and another plot had been sold to Robert Goodell before January 7th 1651.

Felt suggests that he had a brother Joshua, of Salem, in 1649, and this is doubtless based upon the entry in the Town Records:— "Granted vnto goodm. Giggles, Joshua Grafton, goodman Jackson and others (who had eleaven hundred acres of vpland) fifty acres of meadow to be divided among them, lying pte betwene goodman Moultons brooke & Ipswich river, and the other pte lying on the South Side of the River betwene mr Norris and mr Corwyns farmes." May 30th 1649. Unless a brother it is difficult to imagine whom this Joshua could have been, but it is also very strange that all subsequent trace of him should be lost, for this seems to be the sole mention made of him.

The widow Anne Scarlet of Salem calls Joseph Grafton "my brother" in her will March 2nd 1639 and he was one of her overseers and he witnessed a deed made by Josh: Scottow to Samuel Scarlett of Boston, December 4th 1658. (Scarlet, it may be well to mention, says in his will that he was from Kersey, County Suffolk, England and he left no children.) The widow Scarlet also mentions James Linde or Hindes and Browning and his wife in her will and Thomas Browning had land adjoining to Joseph Grafton in Salem. Taking all these indications we may perhaps venture to disagree with Savage, who does not think that the term, "brother," implies blood relationship. John Sanders of Salem calls him "my father" in his will, October 28th 1643, hence it is clear that Joseph had a daughter married to Sanders and in the Essex Institute Collections (Vol. 51/127), Mr. Moriarty has shown that Sanders married Elizabeth Grafton and that she married secondly John Kitchen. Elizabeth



Grafton was a daughter, born in England, by Joseph's first wife.

By 1650 Joseph had voyaged as far as Virginia and had dealings with Miles Ward of Salem, for in Ward's inventory, is an account of debts receivable and payable "related by himself in Virginia, March 3rd 1650, to Joseph Grafton and John Browne." Browne was probably the father-in-law later of Joseph Grafton, Jr.

In Felt's Annals of Salem there are several allusions to Grafton, the earliest being dated May 22nd 1639:—"Joseph Grafton with Messrs. Endicott & Humphrey, John Winthrop, jr. And William Pierce were instructed by the General Court to fix the boundaries of a fishing Plantation at Cape Ann, And that none settle there without their consent." Here we have him associated with notable people and this may be considered the beginning of the great Gloucester fishing industry. Again February 13th 1645:—"The Governor and Assistants received intelligence that d'Aulnay had taken a vessel from this place, commanded by Joseph Grafton, because she was bound with provisions to the fort of La Tour; that he had turned her crew upon an island, kept them there ten days, when the snow was deep, destitute of fire, and only covered with an old wigwam; that he then sent them away in a shallop, without gun or compass. The next day, after leaving the Island, they were pursued by hostile Indians." On "17 May 1640 Joseph Grafton set sail from Salem 2d day, in a Ketch of about 40 tons (three men and a boy in her) and arrived at Pemaquid on the 3rd and then took in some 20 cows, oxen &c with hay & water for them and came to anchor in the bay the 6th." Pope records that he was master of the bark "Endeavor" in 1641. Wyman notes that he was master of the ketch "providence" for Nevis etc., in 1665, and Felt further alludes to this vessel under date of September 16th 1669:—"The Ketch Providence, Capt. Joseph Grafton, from Salem to the W. Indies, was cast away on a rock in a dark and rainy night. The whole crew were ten, of whom six were drowned. The master, mate and a seaman who was badly wounded remained on the rock till morning. In

the morning they arrived, with difficulty to an island about half a mile off, where they found another of their company. There they continued eight days, sustained by salt fish, and also, the last four days by cakes made of a barrel of flour, which washed ashore. After four days they found a peice of touchwood, which the mate had formerly in his chest and a peice of flint, with which, having a small knife, they struck fire. They framed a boat with a tarred mainsail and some hoops and then fastened pieces of boards to them. With a boat so made, they sailed ten leagues to Anguilla and St. Martins, where they were kindly received."

In the Boston Town Records, (Record Commissioners' Reports, vol. 7, p. 55), we find allusion to another voyage:—"Whereas Sebastian Barnado his wife and two children with Manuell Correro a portuguesse haue been lately brought into this town from Barbadoes by M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Grafton sen<sup>r</sup> of Salem & noe securitie giuen to saue the towne from charge by them . . . to dispose of them as in their wisdom they shall judge meete." July 25th 1670.

In the same series of Reports, among the Aspinwall Notarial Records, (vol. 32, p. 127), under date of May 24th 1648:—"Valentine Hill granted a tre of Att<sup>r</sup> to Joseph Grafton to recover & receive the Bills of Trustram Dodge, William Woolcot & William Davies or any other in Newfoundland w<sup>th</sup> absolute power &c." William Woolcot was of Stoke near Tingmouth in Devonshire and was master of the ship "Goodwill & Prosper" of London and was concerned in the Newfoundland lands. William Davies was a merchant of fish and tobacco in Ferriland, Newfoundland.

From 1660 to 1662, when she died, we find that Joseph Grafton was allowed certain sums of money for keeping the widow Dennis. (Town Records.) This would seem to be the same woman to whom the widow Scarlet leaves a bequest, calling her "sister Dennis" and it adds strength to the belief that there was actual relationship between them all.

In 1665 he was an overseer of the will and a guardian

of the children of Mrs. Abigail Moulton of Salem and in 1668 he was administrator of the estate of Samuel Moulton. February 16th 1670, he was a witness and overseer of the will of Thomas Browning of Salem. March 2nd 1668, he received a "horse or mare fold of two yeares old" in the will of William Lord, Sr. of Salem, and was an overseer of the will and May 15th 1666, he witnessed the probate of the will, in Boston, of Stephen Spicer of Barbadoes. March 10th, 1675, the executors of Capt. Walter Price of Salem, convey land to Henry Bartholomew, Joseph Grafton, George and Samuel Gardner, Sr. and said executors, "Owners of the new mill."

In 1668 Joseph Grafton was one of the signers of a petition to the General Court against imposts. He was an overseer of the will of Thomas Gardner, whose daughter married Joseph's son John.

"Mr. Joseph Grafton sr, for putting in a vote for one who was not a freeman in the choice of deputies at Salem, upon confession was fined. He put in a vote for his son John Grafton "jr" (sic) June 1669." (Records of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, vol. 4, p. 163.)

He was a signer of a petition against granting a license to keep an ordinary to Anthony Ashby, November, 1670 and John Gardner and Matthew Barton certified that there were several heaps of lime-stones lying in the South River of Salem near Mr. Joseph Grafton's house, which would much endanger any vessel coming ashore near them June, 1671.

He was appointed to assist the selectmen in making the minister's rate, May 6th 1667 and again later that year, was on the Jury for "tryals" June 15th 1667, was "Chofen ffor an Eight man for making the Rates," also in 1667. He was made a selectman March 3rd 1670/1, also in 1673/4 and 1677/8 and was to "take care ffor y<sup>e</sup> mending of y<sup>e</sup> high ways from Thos Cromwells to y<sup>e</sup> lower end of y<sup>e</sup> towne" in 1673/4, and was also "Choasen" Sealer of weights and measures April 15th 1676. He was appointed constable March 12th 1676/7 but refused to serve and was to inspect families in his ward June 11th 1677. (Salem Town Records.)

In 1636 he had 30 acres at Jeffry's Creek, now Manchester. In the review of the ownership of Salem lands in 1700 in the Essex Antiquarian, the following relates to Joseph Grafton, Sr.:—"He owned the Samuel Browne house in 1664. The lot was principally salt marsh. A house was built on it after 1661. He conveyed it to his son Nathaniel Grafton September 23rd 1667. Nathaniel died in 1670 and his widow and her second husband, Thomas Skinner conveyed it May 1st 1679, for £140, to John Turner of Salem. It then passed to John Turner, son of John Turner above and June 25th 1695, Dr. William Hewes (Hughes) and wife Elizabeth, and Thomas Jackson of Boston, merchant, and wife Priscilla, the only surviving children of Nathaniel Grafton, for £250, release the estate to John Turner of Salem, merchant." This was the most easterly of the lots referred to in the first part of these notes.

"Hardy street was laid out as far as Derby street by Joseph Grafton and John Grafton, by taking a strip of land ten feet wide from either of their lots, between 1667 and 1670. No record of it was made until December 14th 1683, when John Grafton and Joseph Grafton, owners of that part of the lot below Derby street, agreed to take a strip of land, ten feet wide from either lot and continue the lane to the water."

"He owned a house, later called the Crown Tavern, at an early date, having bought it of John Day, who built the house, before April 2nd 1679, when Grafton conveyed it to Pasco Foot of Salem, mariner. He owned it as early as 1671 and as late as 1680." This was on the lot on the easterly corner of Hardy and Essex streets. He owned also the adjoining land and conveyed it to Nicholas Bartlett of Salem, fisherman, September 6th 1671 and adjoining that another lot. Next to the last he had a fifth lot which he conveyed to his grandson, Edmund Henfield of Salem, mariner, July 22nd 1678. The next and seventh lot was the one on which his son Joseph built a house and lived. After his death, in Barbadoes, his son Joshua released it to John Collier of Boston, baker, November 30th 1699. The next lot was inherited by Joseph



Hardy, Jr., from his grandfather, John Grafton of Boston, formerly of Salem, mariner, April 14th 1711, who conveyed it to his son-in-law John Swinnerton of Salem, cooper, December 15th 1714. The next lot was owned by Joseph Grafton at his death in 1683. It was part of the land conveyed by Joseph's administrator to his grandson Joshua Grafton of Salem, mariner, December 12th 1683. He conveyed it to widow Gertrude Pope, June 2nd 1684. All the rest of the land, as far as the water, was owned by Joshua Grafton before 1661.

Nothing has been found to indicate the age of Joseph Grafton but he was of advanced age at the time of his death, on or about June 24th 1682. Mary, his wife, died in November, 1674. (Court Record.) Before 1680 he married secondly, Bethia Rea (Ray), daughter of Daniel Rea and widow of Captain Thomas Lathrop, who, on July 26th 1682, married Deacon William Goodhue of Ipswich. She died December 6th 1686.

The inventory of "Capt. Tho. Latrop, of the Towne of Beverlye . . . whose died in the warrs betwixt the English and the heathen" was taken November 11, 1675, by Paul Thorndike and John Hill and administration was granted to "Berthiah ye relict." Ezekiel Cheever, school master, presented a petition which set forth that as his wife was Lathrop's sister he himself was "ye true naturall proper heir" and that, owing to an adjournment of the Court before the settlement of the estate was effected he had to return home and was prevented from appearing at the next session by stress of weather, which also prevented his son from appearing in his behalf, so that the Court granted administration to his sister Lathrop and he accordingly begs that he may be joined with her as administrator. The widow Bethiah Lawthrop showed that when her husband was beginning to recover from his last sickness, while still in bed, he told her how he wished his estate disposed of and she prayed that such disposition be made. On June 27, 1676, she again addressed the Court in a lengthy and pious letter making further representations and Cheever raised objections to the acceptance of Lathrop's words as a nun-cupative will.

In the records of the General Court in Boston, October 15th 1679, in the "settlement of the estate of captaine Lathrop (Lauthrrop) this Court, hauing heard the pleas of the parties concerned, doe determine, that the widow, now wife to Joseph Grafton, enjoy the whole moveable estate to hir owne vse & dispose, paying thereout the sajd Lawthrops debts, and twenty pounds to the children of Joshua Rey, and that she haue the whole vse and benefit of the houses & lands for hir life, making no stirp nor wast, and at hir death the whole reall estate to revert to the wife of M<sup>r</sup> Ezekiehl Cheeuers, & hir issue, heires of the sajd Captaine Lawthrop."

The Court took up the case again in November, 1680 and procured an agreement between the parties for settlement.

Bethia and Joseph Grafton were the administrators of Thomas Lathrop in 1681, with Ezekiel Cheever and his wife Ellen, sister of Lathrop.

The Estate of Joseph Grafton:—

"November 28th 1682. The Inventory of the estate of M<sup>r</sup> Jofeph Grafton Sen<sup>r</sup> of Salem, taken July 19th 1682 by John Browne, Hilliard Veren and Samuel Gardner Jun<sup>r</sup>. (It included "1/8 of the Catch mary & John, John Gardner mafter; 1/8 pt of the catch fofiety, Ebenezer Gardner mafter; 1/2 the Catch Sparow, Cocker mafter.") Amount £1149: 18: 2, returned by Samuel Gardner, Jun<sup>r</sup>, November 28th 1682."

"June 26th 1683, whereas there are two writings, the laft bearing date the 7th of June 1681: signifying the will & testament of Jofeph Grafton of Salem Deceafed, but Imperfectly In purfuance of our mutuall deuiffion of the estate, wee that are chiefly concerned therein doo Humbly petition, this Hon<sup>d</sup> Court, & mutually defire that the deuiffion may be as followeth, first that M<sup>rs</sup> Bethiah Grafton, Alias Bethiah Goodhugh fhall haue eighty pounds—2<sup>ly</sup> John Grafton fhall haue one fourth part, 3<sup>ly</sup> John Gardner fhall haue for his children by Prifeilla his wife that now is: one fourth part, 4<sup>thly</sup> the two fonnys of Jofeph Grafton Jun<sup>r</sup> deceafed fhall haue one fifth part, to be equally deuided betweene them: 5<sup>ly</sup> the three daughters of Na-



thaniell Grafton fhall haue one fift part, to be equally deuided betweene them: And mary meade fhall haue 5<sup>li</sup> & william Henfield, five pounds, & Edmond Henfeild five pounds & Robert Kitchin five pounds, & his three fifters twenty shillings a peece, to mary foxe Elizabeth Collyer 20<sup>d</sup> apeece And famuell Gardner Jun<sup>r</sup> overfeer of y<sup>e</sup> will, to haue ten pounds for his care.

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| John Grafton   | } |                              |
| John Grafton   | } | Sam <sup>ll</sup> Gardner Jr |
| John Gardner   | ) | for John                     |
| Joseph Grafton | } | Grafton                      |

Allowed June 26, 1683 provided the widow consents."

—Essex County Probate Records, vol. 302, p. 26.

The following papers go still further to prove the relationships with Joseph Grafton of some of the people mentioned in the will.

"John Kitchin of Salem, shoe-maker and John Sanders of Salem, seaman, sonn in law (i. e. step-son) to y<sup>e</sup> said John Kitchin for a valuable consideration to John Williams of Salem, seaman, tenn acres of upland in the north feild, (e. Robt Buffum; w. John Williams; s. Thomas Spooner; n. highway weh goes through the tenn acre lott). Jul. 8, 1661.

Wits:—Thomas Hale, John Putnam, Edward Norrice. Ack:—Mar. 2, 1662/3." Essex County Deeds, vol. 2, p. 66.

Sewall's Diary, Aug. 24, 1688, speaks of coming home from Salem "on mr. Grafton's Sloop the Lark, Loosed from the Wharf at Winter Island about 4 P. M. and got into my own House at Boston about 11 at night. Mr. Kitchin's daughter by Mary Bordman a passenger. Landed at Scarlet's Wharf."

The Winthrop Papers, under date of about 1639, mention a voyage of Joseph Grafton's not previously noted: "Joseph Grafton was on Friday sevendnight at Pascataway, having made his voyage hence thither and back againe in 3 daies."

Children by first wife:—

2. ELIZABETH, b. about 1622.

By second wife:—

3. PRISCILLA, d. before 1683.
4. JOSEPH, bap. Jan. 24, 1636/7, 1st Church; d. Feb. 1670, at Barbadoes.
5. JOHN, bap. Apl. 28, 1639, 1st Church; d. Nov. 24, 1715, ae. 77.
6. NATHANIEL, bap. Apl. 24, or May 1, 1642, 1st Church; d. Feb. 11, 1670/1, at Barbadoes.

2. ELIZABETH GRAFTON, born about 1622, married first, not later than early in 1640, John Saunders, who died before December 28, 1643 and secondly, before 1655. John Kitchin, born about 1619, died 1675/6. He had been previously married and had two daughters, Elizabeth and Hanna, baptized March 1, 1643, after his second marriage. Kitchin had embarked at Weymouth, England, March 10, 1635. His will mentions his wife, son Robert and "ye rest of my children." (For an account of the Kitchin family see Essex Institute Collections, vol. 51, p. 126.) Elizabeth testified, November 1, 1675, that she was then aged 53 years and she was probably born in England by the first wife of Captain Joseph Grafton.

"The Last will & testament of John Sanders, inhabytant of the Towne of Salem, I Bequeath unto my sonn John Sanders my Tenn Aker lot with my hous new built on the Commons side right over a gainst it when he Come to the age of one & twentie yeers or at the death of his mother with the Aker And halfe of middow ground adioyning to it and I do be trust my father Joseph Grafton & goodman Hardie to see this my wil & ded performed mad in the yeere 1643 y<sup>e</sup> 28 of October." (No signature.)

Witness:— Nathaniell Porter, Henrye Birdsall.

"Testified upon oaths in Court & also y<sup>t</sup> the sd Jn<sup>o</sup> Sandrs Left all the Rest of his Estate to his wyfe."

Proved 28:10:1643.

(Salem Quarterly Court Files, vol. 1, leaf 18.)

"Mr. Edmond Batter admonished on his presentment for saying that Eliz. Kitchin had been "apawawing," and calling her base quaking slut, with divers other approbrious and taunting speeches. Presentment was not wholly proved, although he confessed that he said to Eliza-

beth either "haue you beene ? or she had beene apawawing," and called her a quaking slut, "meeting, seeing also som other psons (that waies affected) Comeing yt waye which shee came," etc. John Ward, aged about twenty years, and Thomas Mekings, aged about eighteen years, deposed that, being with Mr. Batter and Thomas Rootes near Strong water brook, they saw the two latter when they met with the wife of John Kitching, riding upon the highway; that they took her horse by the bridle and bade her come down, but she would not. Then said Batter and Rootes pulled her, and the man who was before her, off the horse, took it from them, and said Rootes rode away with it," etc. Mr. Phillip Cromwell deposed to the contrary of this story. June 28, 1660. (Salem Quarterly Court Records, vol. 2, p. 219.)

Giles Corey deposed, Feb. 26, 1650/1, "That Mr. Edwa. Noris and he were going towards the brickkiln; John Kiching, going with them, "Fell a niping and pinshing of us," and when they came back again, John Kiching "struck up Mr. Edwa. Noris his heels and myne, & Fell uppon me & keched me by the throte and held me soe long tell hee had almost stoped my breth & I sayd unto John Kiching thes is nott good Jestng, and John Kiching replyde this is nothing, I doe owe you more then this of ould: this is not halfe of y<sup>t</sup> weh yew shall haue afterwards." After this they went into Kitching's house and he took stinking water and threw upon them, and took Cory and thrust him out of doors, and he went his way, Kiching following him half the way up the lane or thereabouts. Corey perceiving him following, attempted to go over the Rayles, but he threw him off the Rayles and beat him until he was all bloody. Tho. Bushop was a witness to the assault. Sworn in Court, 12:26:1650. (Salem Quarterly Court Records, vol. 1, p. 208-9.)

Elizabeth was admonished for absenting herself from meeting Sep. 25, 1660. (Ibid:—vol. 2, p. 225.) She was again summoned on the same charge May 23, 1661, in company with many others of the Quaker persuasion. (Ibid:—vol. 2, p. 315.) John Kitchin deposed in November, 1661 and gave his age then as about 42 years.

(Ibid:—vol. 2, p. 321.) In June, 1662, the Court, considering the unworthy and malignant speeches and carriages of John Kitchin, in open court, saw cause to remove him from the office of sergeant of the foot company, and he was admonished. (Ibid:—vol. 3, p. 17.) The Kitchins, in company with the other Quakers, were presented almost every court.

Children, SAUNDERS:—

JOHN, bap. Nov. 1, 1640, Salem; married Nov. 5, 1661, Hanna Pickman.

KITCHIN:—

JOSEPH, bap. Apl. 20, 1645, Salem.

JOHN, bap. — 12, 1646, Salem.

MARY, bap. Apl. 23, 1648; married Feb. 20, 1665, Timothy Robisson.

JOHN, bap. Mar. 21, 1652, Salem.

ROBERT, bap. Apl. 15, 1655; d. Oct. 28, 1712, ae. 56, Salem, married before 1688, Bethiah Weld.

BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 28, 1660; d. Sep. 15, 1660, Salem.

3. PRISCILLA GRAFTON, married John, born about 1624 probably, in England, died May 6, 1706, ae. 82, son of Thomas Gardner. Priscilla died before 1683. John Gardner had commissions from Governor Francis Lovelace of New York several times, first in 1673 to be Captain of Militia and in 1680 as a civil magistrate. He had removed to the Island of Nantucket and when the island passed by a new charter into the jurisdiction of Massachusetts he was, in 1699, made Judge of Probate, which office he retained till his death. His children received bequests from their grandfather Thomas Gardner and John Gardner made his will December 2, 1705.

John Gardner was one of those given liberty to build a mill over the South river near Mr. Ruck's, August 22, 1663, his interest being  $\frac{1}{8}$  part. The next year they were presented for damming up the channel and hindering it for a building place for vessels, but the verdict was in their favor. The same year (1664) they obtained a verdict against John Pickering for damages, he having thrown their timber, wheel-barrows and other tools into the river by night and endeavored to turn the mill into the

channel. He gave his age as about 45 in 1670. Herbert street was laid out over the ground of Joseph Hardy by an agreement made by him with John Gardner, who owned the ground adjoining on the east, September 26, 1661. In 1656 he bought a lot of John Ingersoll. He removed to Nantucket soon after 1670, but returned to Salem before June 23, 1676, when he conveyed part of this lot to John Barton of Salem, chirurgeon, who, in turn, conveyed it to John Sanders of Salem, mariner. Gardner again removed to Nantucket before July 16, 1679, when, for love, he gave, by deed, to John Sanders the northern part, on which the latter had built a house before 1676. He owned the rest of the lot at the time of his death and devised it to his grandson John Gardner of Mendham (Mendon), Mass., mariner. This land of Gardner's ran from Essex street to the harbor, fronting on Herbert street. He left his eighth interest in the mill to his grandson, John Gardner of Mendon.

Children, GARDNER, born in Salem:—

JOHN, b. Feb. 20, 165(3?); mar. Susanna Green of Salem.

JOSEPH, b. Jul. 8, 1655.

PRISCILLA, b. Nov. 6, 1656; probably married at Salem, but as a widow followed her father to Nantucket; mar. John Arthur as his second wife.

BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 3, 1658/9; d. Aug. 23, 1662.

RACHEL, b. Aug. 3, 1661; mar. Aug. 31, 1686, John Brown and 2nd James Gardner as his 3rd wife.

BENJAMIN, b. May 17, 1664.

GEORGE, d. Apl. 17, 1750; mar. Eunice Starbuck.

ANN, b. Feb. 30, 1667; mar. Edward Coffin.

NATHANIEL, b. Sep. 24, 1668.

MARY, b. May 27, 1670; d. Oct. 27, 1767, Nantucket; mar. before 1689, Jethro Coffin, brother of Edward above.

Born in Nantucket:—

MEHITABLE, b. Nov. 24, 1674; mar. Aug. 14, 1704, Ambrose Dawes, Jr.

RUTH, b. Jan. 26, 1676/7; d. Oct. 4, 1748, Nantucket; mar. May 19, 1692, James Coffin, Jr., cousin of Edward and Jethro above.

A full account of this family will be found in "Thomas Gardner and Some of His Descendants."



4. JOSEPH GRAFTON was baptized January 24, 1636/7, at the First Church in Salem. He was made a Freeman May 19, 1669. The Town Records say:— "Elizabeth Browne the wife of John Browne and sister Grafton shalbe seated in the second seate (of the meeting house), June 8, 1657," and "the fore seat in the south gallery (Joseph Grafton Jun<sup>r</sup>)."<sup>r</sup> He took the inventory of the estate of John Marsh, Jr. December 10, 1669, and was a debtor to the estate of John Croade of Salem, June 27, 1671 but must have then been dead. He, with his father, signed the petition against imposts in 1668 and that against granting a license to Anthony Ashby November 29, 1670.

As will be seen by the notes upon his father's real estate holdings, he received land from him and owned a lot on the corner of Essex and Orange streets, which was conveyed to him by Matthew Dove October 24, 1661. The Essex Antiquarian states that he still owned it in 1687 but as he was then dead it was probably owned by his son.

The Town Records state, under date of January 27, 1672:— "And ther is liberty Granted to m<sup>r</sup> Jos Grafton Jun<sup>rs</sup> Widow & M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Graftons wife & Nathaniel Graftons Widow to Build A pew from the North East Corner to the middle of the next window on the North Syde of ye meeting houf."

He married October 29, 1657, Hasina (or Hannah), born September 29, 1639, daughter of Joshua and Ellen (Ibrook) Hobart (Hubbard) of Hingham, Mass. She died before June 30, 1664, when he married secondly Elizabeth Browne baptized April 14, 1644, daughter of Elder John Browne of Salem.

Joseph Grafton died at Barbadoes, February 1670/1 and she married April 24, 1673, Samuel, son of Lieutenant George Gardner. (See "Thomas Gardner & Some of his Descendants" for additional information.)

Mr. Joseph Grafton, Jr. dying intestate, Elizabeth, his wife presented an inventory amounting to about 350 li, which was allowed June 27, 1671 and she was appointed administratrix.



One half the estate was to be given to the widow and the other half to the children, the eldest son to have a double portion; "and whereas there was lately given to said Elizabeth by her father, John Browne, a small parcel of land which was not included in the inventory, the court ordered that she should have it for her own." (Essex County Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 226.)

Inventory of the estate of Joseph Grafton, jr. taken June 26, 1671, by Henry Bartholomew & Richard Prince: total 297 li. 2 s.

Joseph Grafton, jr. creditor, Jan. 23, 1671; laid out one the Ketch Mari, 52 li. 13 s. 4 d.; by father Grafton, 28 li. 16 s. 4 d.; by sister Grafton, 1 li. 14 s.; etc.

Inventory presented to the court at Salem June 29, 1671, by Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Grafton, which was allowed and she was appointed administratrix etc. (Essex County Quarterly Court Records, vol. 5, p. 46.)

There being an order of the last Salem court for the dividing of the estate of Joseph Grafton, deceased, half to the widow and half to the children, the court, September 26, 1671, ordered that Joseph Grafton, the grandfather, be a guardian for the two children, to take their part of the estate into his hands and improve it for the said children till they become of age to choose a guardian for themselves. (Essex Quarterly Court Records, vol. 5, p. 145.)

Children, born in Salem:—

7. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 17, 1658; d. July 11, 1709.
8. MARTHA, b. Aug. 7, 1658. (*sic!* See Vital Records.)
9. JOSHUA, b. Apl. 9, 1660.
10. PRISCILLA, bap. Nov. 29, 1668.
11. WILLIAM, bap. Mar. 3, 1670.

The last two children were baptized as children of Joseph Grafton and would appear to have been his but, as only two were alive in 1671, the last two as well as Martha must have died young.

5. JOHN GRAFTON was baptized April 28, 1639, at the First Church. He was a mariner, of whom Mather's *Magnalia* tells a story copied from his father's "Remarkable Providences," chapter I, how he was, in September 1669, shipwrecked and preserved. He signed the petition against imposts in 1668, with his father and brother Joseph. He was on the Grand Jury November 29, 1673 and the Trial Jury the same month.

"Its ordered that Jno Grafton & Joshua Ward hauing suffered lately ship wrecke all their last years Rats are Remited from beinge gathered by the Constable." (Salem Town Records, February 21, 1669/70.)

John Grafton was master of the ketch "Prudence" in 1670, bound from New England for the West Indies, which was cast away and several persons lost.

"And ther is liberty Granted to m<sup>r</sup> Jos Grafton Jun<sup>rs</sup> Widow & M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Graftons wife & Nathaniel Graftons Widow to Build A pew from the North East Corner to the middle of the Next Window on the North Syde of ye meeting house." (Ibid, January 27, 1672.)

In 1673 he was owner of the ketch "Nightingale" which, with John Ingersoll, master, having landed at Huntington, L. I., was taken by the Dutch, on recapturing New York. (The Moore Family of Southold, L. I., by Charles B. Moore. New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, April 1884.)

He was commander of the ketch "Dove" bound for "Antegoa" July 29, 1679.

All the opposite side of the street from the land of Joseph Grafton, Sr., was owned by his son John, who received it from his father September 15, 1667. John built a house and lived there till he removed to Boston before April 14, 1711, when he conveyed the land and house, for £200, to his grandson Joseph Hardy of Salem, shipwright. He also removed to Boston before June 17, 1713, when he conveyed the house and lot to Joseph Andrew of Salem, house carpenter, for £300. He conveyed the next lot for £10, to Thomas Gardner of Salem, cordwinder, August 22, 1670. The remaining lot next the street was conveyed by John Grafton to Christopher Babbidge of

Salem, August 22, 1670. It was upon this lot that the first meeting house of the East Church was built in 1717. Back of this lot was a way running in from Essex Street, the width of the lot and across this way, fronting on Essex street and Orange street, was a lot owned by Joseph Grafton, Jr. (q. v.). (Essex Antiquarian, vol. 10, pp. 72-3.)

John Grafton of Salem, mariner, for good service done me by my Servant Peter a Negroe sometimes called Peter Lawrence viz. for vpwards of thirty yeares last past and in consideration of £7 set at Liberty and freedom y<sup>e</sup> said Peter Lawrence from this time Forward for euer for him and his children Lawfully to be begotten . . . more especially in con(illegible) with y<sup>e</sup> Excellent Rules of Christianity. November 11, 1712. (Essex County Deeds, vol. 24, p. 272.)

John Grafton was made a Freeman May 19 1680, and had removed to Boston before April 14, 1711. He claimed one common right in 1702 for Joseph Hardy's house in the list presented in 1713/4.

In the records of the Selectmen of Boston, under date of October 26, 1716, is found:—"Peter Negro Serv<sup>t</sup> to m<sup>r</sup> John Grafton of Salem, who came from thence unto this Town ab<sup>t</sup> six weeks Since, and is now under a chirurgeons hand for help as to his eye Sight was by order of the Selectmen warned on y<sup>e</sup> 26 October to return to Salem the Town to w<sup>ch</sup> he belongs." This date is after the death of the above John but if it refers to him, as would seem likely in view of the deed quoted above, it would indicate that he had returned to Salem to live and this is further indicated by the fact that he was buried there.

He married December 1, 1659, Seeth, born 1636, baptized December 25, 1636, daughter of Thomas Gardner and his first wife Margaret Frier(?), who died April 17, 1707. He died November 24, 1715, aged 77, according to his gravestone on which he is called "senior" and this would seem to imply that he had a son John, who may be the one who married August 9, 1708, in Boston, Judeth Clark, whose birth does not appear in the Boston records. Seeth had formerly married Joshua Conant.

Children, born in Salem:—

12. MARY, b. Sep. 7, 1660; d. Nov. 1705, ae. about 45.
13. SEETH, b. Apl. 28, 1665.
14. ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 12, 1667; bap. Oct. 31, 1686, "at age."
15. JEHOADAN, b. Oct. 1, 1669; bap. Oct. 31, 1686, "at age;"  
d. Dec. 5, 1707, Charter Street Burying Ground.
16. MARGARET, b. Jan. 24, 1671; bap. Feb. 15, 1689, "at age."
17. NATHANIEL, b. Jul. 14, 1674; d. Nov. 24, 1715.
18. ? JOHN, mar. Aug. 9, 1708, Boston, Judeth Clark.

(See "Thomas Gardner and Some of his Descendants" for additional information.)

6. NATHANIEL GRAFTON was baptized April 24, or May 1, 1642, at the First Church in Salem. He was made a Freeman in 1680 and was a mariner. As will be noted in the record of his father's lands, he inherited a portion and in 1664/5 the widow Ann or Hanna More conveyed a lot to him for £13. In the Suffolk County Probate records, (vol. 5, p. 85) he deposed, "aged about 26 yeares, that James Parker deceased often sajd unto sajd Grafton, that Grafton being much in his Company both a shoare & by Sea, that if the sajd Parker died a Batchiller, that what Estate he has his Brother Parnell & sister should haue it for hee had receiued from them more Lovinge freindship &: that they had been as a ffather, & mother to him, & further saith not." January 29, 1667.

He joined his father and brothers in signing the petition against Imposts in 1688.

Bartlemew Gidny, aged about 30 yrs., deposed that some time the last winter a servant of Jno. Clifford called William Hollis came to deponent and said that his master desired to have deponent's boat to carry some goods on board Nath. Grafton's Ketch for Goodman Horne. Wilum Hollis and John Leagrow, servants of John Clifford deposed as to rowing the goods down to the ketch. When they reached there they called aboard and could not find anybody, but later found Mr. Grafton who said he could not take the goods that tide but would on the morrow. "Mr. Grafton said bring your ancor aboard of my cetch and let the boat Ride I asked him wether the snow would

not hurt the goods he says noe: and I said had not the goods best be covered he said yes saith he: and provided a saild to cover the goods and beed us lay it on the heds of the caske next y<sup>e</sup> wether which according to his order we ded." (Essex Quarterly Court Records, vol. 4, p. 265, June 1670.)

He married April 6, 1665, Elizabeth, baptized September 30, 1649, daughter of Moses Maverick and Remember Allerton. He died February 11, 1670/1, at Barbadoes, being cast away on the ketch "Prudence", and she married secondly, before May 1, 1679, (probably about 1676), Thomas Skinner of Boston, a baker. He died December 28, 1690, in Boston, and she died before June 1686. Moses Maverick's will proved in November 1686 speaks of her as deceased and mentions his Grafton granddaughters.

Mr. Nathaniell Grafton dying intestate, Elizabeth the relict, brought in an inventory June 27, 1671, and was appointed administratrix. The Court ordered that she bring up the children until they come of age, when they should receive 45li. each, the house and land to be security. (Salem Quarterly Court Records, vol. 5, p. 46.)

Children, born in Salem:—

19. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 18, 1667; d. Mar. 26, 1754/5.

20. REMEMBER, b. Sept. 29, 1669; ? mar. Apl. 10, 1685, at Marblehead, Richard Knight, both of Boston.

21. PRISCILLA, b. Mar. 12, 1670.

Note:—William Hughes and Thomas Jackson and wives Elizabeth and Priscilla Grafton were mentioned in the will of Moses Maverick, November 1698 and in the agreement of the heirs that year.

7. JOSEPH GRAFTON, born August 17, 1658, married before 1682, Mary, born September 25, 1660, daughter of Joseph and Ruth (Williams) Belknap. Ruth Williams was a daughter of Nathaniel Williams and his second wife Mary and on June 30, 1684, Nathaniel Williams became surety to the town of Boston for Joseph Grafton and his family. (Record Commissioners' Reports, Miscellaneous papers, vol. 10, p. 75.)

"Joseph Grafton of Salem in New England, taylor & wife Mary have received of Nathl. Williams of Boston,



merchant, exect. of the will of Nathl. Williams of Boston decd. a piece of land that was bequeathed to our mother Ruth Belknap decd. & to her children by will of our grandmother Mary Williams decd. dated 22 2mo. 1661 & laid out by our grandmother Mary Williams exectx. of sd. will & for many years has been in the occupation of our father Joseph Belknap in right of his wife & children. We acknowledge to have recd. of the sd. Nathl. Williams exect. Nov. 9, 1682." (Suffolk Deeds, vol. 12, p. 299.) Mary Williams the widow had married before 1663, Peter Brackett.

In Boston Tax Lists, (Record Commissioners' Reports, vol. 1, p. 81) in "The Original draught of the Rates in Capt. Elisha Hutchinson's Comp<sup>a</sup> An<sup>o</sup> 1685," appears the name of Joseph Grafton, Taylor. In Fiske's copy of the records of the First Church, on November 7, 1681, "Bro. Grafton desires to be dismissed."

In the will of Joseph Belknap, proved December 5, 1712, appears,

"Item:—I Give and bequeath unto my Loving Daughter Mary Grafton the Fifty pounds her husband oweth me, as by Bond under his hand and Seal may appear, & ten pounds more in money or Province Bills."

On April 16, 1694 in an indenture between Joseph Grafton of Salem & Mary his wife & Joseph Belknap Junr. of Boston, glover, they are bound to Simeon Stoddard of Boston, merchant, in the sum of £84:16 "Siluer Money" before April 16, 1695 and the said Joseph Grafton and Mary his wife for indemnity sell to Joseph Belknap Junr. their messuage or Tenement with all lands, 25 rods, in the towne of Salem, bounded west by the street, east by the lane heretofore appertaining to Goodman Browning now Isaack Meackens, north by the land of Nicholas Chatterwell & south by the land of Matthew Dove. (Essex Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 247.) He died July 11, 1709, ae. 51 and she, it would seem, died July 11, 1745.

Children, born in Salem, except Nathaniel, born in Boston:—

22. JOSEPH, bap. Sep. 1682, 1st. Church; d. 1766/7.

23. NATHANIEL, b. Nov. 5, 1684; d. about 1707/8.

24. ELIZABETH, b. about 1687; d. Mar. 10, 1691, ae. 4.



25. WILLIAM, b. about 1695; d. June 1697, ae. 2.  
 26. WILLIAM, b. 1697; d. abt. July 22, 1779, ae. 83d yr.  
 27. JOSHUA, b. Oct. 1701; d. Sept. 3, 1702, ae. 11 mos.

(The last three are buried in the Charter Street Burying Ground, Salem.)

Note:—"Administration on ye Estate of Nathaniel Grafton, Salem, To Mr Joseph Grafton of Salem, marriner on Goods of yor son Nathani Grafton who dyed on board her Majes Shipp ye Jersey att ye Island of Anteegeo In-test. Mar. 1, 1707/8." (Essex County Probate Records, vol. 309, p. 293.)

9. JOSHUA GRAFTON, born April 9, 1660, married August 2, 1686, "Mrs." Hannah, born August 19, 1667, daughter of Bartholomew and Hannah (Clark) Gedney and she was an heir of her father who, with his other children, conveyed her interest in his land to their uncle John Gedney, December 10, 1698. He was a mariner and died in 1699.

Joshua Grafton, mariner, and his wife Hannah with other heirs of Colonel Gedney sold one half of the Ship Tavern December 13, 1698 to Deliverance Parkman.

Administration was granted August 14, 1699 "On ye Goods of Mr Joshua Grafton late of Salem Mariner to Mrs. Hannah Grafton Relict widow, Timothy Laskin & Sam'l Gedney Sureties. (Essex Probate Records, v. 306, p. 172.)

Inventory of Mr Joshua Grafton late of Salem taken by Isaac ffoot, Simon Williard, Dec. 4, 1699. Presented by Mrs Hanah Grafton Adx. (Ibid v. 307, p. 58.)

Hannah Grafton Adx. of her late husband Joshua Grafton, Acc<sup>t</sup> £283:10:4, Oct. 18, 1700. (Ibid.)

Settlement of Reall Estate of Mr Joshua Grafton being 100 li. & y<sup>e</sup> Ball<sup>a</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Personall Estate Being 156 li. 3 S. 7 d. is to be Devided as ffolloweth Viz To Hannah Grafton Relict widow one third Dureing her Naturall life & after her Decease to reuert to y<sup>e</sup> Children. (Ibid v. 307, p. 62.)

Hannah Grafton, widow & other heirs of the estate of her sister Lydia Corwin made an agreement November 3, 1701 as to a portion of the Clark farm in Salem.

December 7, 1713 the Committee of the Proprietors of

the Common lands agreed that claims to these lands be received and tabulated, "one Collum for the Cottages that was Erected before the year 1661 & the other Collum for those Priuiledged by the Town Vote in 1702." (Salem Commoners' Records.) Joshua Grafton's estate made claim for one right in 1661 and two in 1702 "for old M<sup>r</sup> Grafton's dwelling." His estate claimed three rights in 1661 in a list February 18, 1723/4.

Children:—

28. HANNAH, b. May 27, 1691.

29. JOHN, b. Jan. 16, 1693; bap. Sep. 1694, (Court Records).

30. SAMUEL, b. Jan. 16, 1693.

31. JOSHUA, bap. 1694.

32. SARAH, b. Apl. 13, 1697; bap. June 20, 1697, 1st. Church.

33. PRISCILLA, b. Feb. 8, 1698; bap. Sep. 15, 1700; 1st. Church.

12. MARY GRAFTON, born September 7, 1660, Court Records, married July 25, 1678, Joseph, born September 13, 1655, died April 17, 1687, (gravestone Charter Street), son of Joseph and Martha (....) Hardy. She married (2) June 5, 1688, Edmond, date unknown, died after 1705, son of Edward and Tabitha (Pitman) Feveryear. She died November 19, 1705, ae. about 45.

Joseph Hardy claimed one common right in 1661 and two in 1702 for John Grafton's house and one each year for Joseph Hardy Sr's house, (see under Joshua (9) Grafton.)

A will of Robert Feveryear's, of Kelshall, Co. Suffolk, England, proved 1656 which is given in Waters' Gleanings, v. 1, p. 31, appears to be that of one of this family.

Children, born in Salem, HARDY.

MARY, b. Apl. 13, 1680; d. date unknown; mar. June 15, 1699, Samuel Hayward of Beverly.

JOSEPH, b. Mar. 20, 1681/2; bap. Sep. 1682; d. date unknown; probably mar. June 25, 1707, Sarah Pickering.

MARTHA, b. Dec. 23, 1683; d. Jan. 1688.

SEETH, b. June 13, 1686; d. Dec. 21, 1712, ae. 25 y. 7 mo.

Children, born in Salem, FEVERYEAR.

GRAFTON, b. Mar. 31, 1689; d. abt. 1755; mar. Mar. 14, 1711/12, Joanna Langdon; mar. (2) Oct. 20, 1727, at Portsmouth, N. H., Sarah Peirce of Heath.

BENJAMIN, b. Jan. 14, 1693.

14. ABIGAIL GRAFTON, born August 12, 1667, baptized October 31, 1686, "at age" died after 1737. She married before 1689 John Walker, the date of whose birth and whose parents do not appear. He died in the Barbadoes in 1693. This name occurs in the Salem records as Walk(e) and in Topsfield as Walker. As no other references to the name of Walke are found except a John Walke at Lyndeboro, N. H., possibly a grand son of John and Abigail, it seems likely that the name was in fact Walker. John Walke or Walker was a mariner. She married (2) November 2, 1704, in Salem, Joseph, born September 18, 1657 at Topsfield, died about 1732, son of Robert and Grace (....) Andrew (Andros) of Rowley. He had married (1) February 1, 1681, Sarah Perley of Ipswich and (2) March 30, 1696, Mary Dickerson of Rowley.

He was a house-carpenter and lived in Boxford until 1705 when he removed to Salem Village, his children appear in the Salem Vital Records however. He became a Freeman March 22, 1689/90 and his will dated April 13, 1731 was proved September 4, 1732 in which he bequeathed his homestead to his sons Nathaniel and Jonathan. By his first two wives he had seven children. (Essex Antiquarian.)

Children:— born in Salem, WALK (?WALKER).

JOHN, b. May 5, 1689.

JEHOADAN, bap. Aug. 1691.

JOHN, b. May 5, 1693(?)

(His record appears as "John, s. John and Abigail Walker," while the others are recorded under Walk.)

ABIGAIL, b. July 28, 1693.

Children:— ANDREWS.

NATHANIEL, b. Aug. 10, 1705; d. Feb. 4, 1762; mar. Sep. 20, 1729, Mary Higginson; mar. (2) May 20, 1748, Abigail Ward, widow of George Peele jr.

JONATHAN, b. Aug. 12, 1708; d. about 1737, unmarried.

16. MARGARET GRAFTON, born January 24, 1671, baptized February 15, 1689, "at age" whose death is not found, married September 19, 1711, at Salem, John, baptized June 17, 1683, 1st Church, perhaps died in 1752,

was probably the son of Dr. John and Hannah (Brown) Swinnerton as he received books and instruments from his father. He was a cooper by trade in Salem and arrived in Boston in the brigantine *Dolphin* from Nevis June 18, 1712. He was dismissed from the 1st Church of Salem to the 3d Church of Boston July 7, 1734. He may have married (2) July 2, 1744, in Boston, Elizabeth Pope. The will of John Swinnerton proved 1752, is in Suffolk Probate Records, No. 9935.

Depositions of John Grafton, Nehemiah Willoughby, Bartholomew Browne and Stephen Sewall, that Mrs. Hannah Swinnerton was personally known to them, and that Stephen Sewall had employed considerably and paid her for the services of her Indian servant Dick. That said Sewall went to Boston and "Solicited Capt. Hancock to release s<sup>d</sup> Indian who told me that when he had other men sufficient he would dismiss him yet I understand he Carried him out of y<sup>e</sup> province." Salem, March 2, 1697/8. (Essex County Notarial Records.)

Child:— born in Salem, SWINNERTON.

MERCY, b. Apl. 30, 1718.

18. JOHN GRAFTON, who may have been a son of John Sr. married in Boston, August 9, 1708, Judeth Clark. There is nothing to show whose daughter she was as no birth is recorded in Boston prior to 1708 under this name, but it seems possible that she was related to Nathaniel Clarke of Newbury since he had a daughter of that name born in 1686/7. She, however, married Thomas Jenkins of Boston (date unknown), and it does not appear that she had previously married Grafton, while as she deeded land in 1709 under her maiden name it is proved that she was not the one who married John Grafton.

Her children, of whom there seem to have been two, are not recorded and the only allusion to them is an item in her inventory of two children's blankets, so that no clue as to the date of her marriage is afforded.

Nathaniel Clarke jr. was married early enough to have had a daughter of marriageable age in 1708, but his eldest daughter died in 1690 and it is expressly stated in some

testimony of Rev. John Hale in connection with Clarke's will that there was but one child (a son Nathaniel) living in 1691, after Clarke's death. There remains a possibility that Judith was a younger sister of Nathaniel Clarke's, but as nothing is known of his parents or early history this cannot be demonstrated.

The name of Judith also appears in the family of Joseph Clark of Newport, who had a daughter of the name born October 12, 1667. Joseph's father, with his brother John, had gone from Boston before his marriage, so it seems unlikely that the daughter is the Judith in question.

19. ELIZABETH GRAFTON, born December 18, 1667, married November 25, 1689? (probably 1684) William Hughes of Boston, a physician. She may have been that Elizabeth Heughes who was admitted to communion at the Second Church November 1, 1691, and whose daughter Elizabeth was baptized March 31, 1695, (Church record.) Her will dated January 8, 1733/4, mentions grandchild, Remember Perkins, the children of Dr. Henry Hooper, to whom £100; daughter Elizabeth, wife of Henry Allen, carpenter, to whom for life her dwelling house in Beer Lane, in the North End, and after her death to her children. Grandson Henry Allen, jr., Friend John Potwine, executor. (Suffolk Probate Records, v. 30, p. 235.)

Her inventory taken February 4, 1734/5, includes 53 oz. of silver, valued at £66:17:6, house and land £800, total £908:16:0.

(Savage says she married Thomas Jackson, who also married her sister Priscilla, but that seems to be a mistake.)

A stone in King's Chapel burying ground reads "Here lyes ye body of Mrs. Elizb. Hughes, wife to Mr. William Hughes, died March 26, 1734, aet. 67."

William Hughes was employed on more than one occasion as interpreter in the examination of the French privateersmen who came into Boston, and of the Spanish and French sailors accused of piracy. (Suffolk Files.)

Beginning with 1682, when he bought a house with land in the North End, of Dorcas and Judith Huat (Suffolk



Deeds, v. 12, p. 277) he made his wife Elizabeth his attorney, with powers to sell land, and acting under that power she sold to David Cutler, a mariner, land her husband had bought of Roger Doubleday on a lane leading from Fisher's street to south side of Mill Creek near the Mill Pond, February 24, 1707/8. (Ibid v. 23, p. 202.)

On February 20, 1704/5, William Hughes had license to erect a timber dwelling house 23 ft. by 18 ft. stud, with flat roof and battlements on same, on his land near Mill Bridge, in room of an old house, now standing, he intends to demolish. (Council Records.)

In 1710 his house on the north side of Beer Lane is mentioned. (Town Records.)

His will dated December 24, 1702, was proved December 1708.

Children:— born in Boston, HUGHES.

ELIZABETH, b. Apl. 26, 1685; mar. Henry Allen.

REMEMBER, b. Mar. 7, 1687; mar. July 1, 1706, John Perkins.

WILLIAM, b. June 27, 1691; evidently died unmarried in his mother's lifetime.

NATHANIEL, b. Aug. 3, 1699; died young.

(Much of above taken from Hewes Genealogy.)

21. PRISCILLA GRAFTON, born March 12, 1670, married October 15, 1690, in Boston, Thomas Jackson the dates of whose birth and death and parents' names have not been found. A Thomas Jackson was a Freeman in Boston in 1690 and may have been this Thomas. He probably had been in Reading and it was perhaps he who married there July 2, 1685 Hannah Taylor, who died June 12, 1689. His name is on the list of those taxed in 1686 to pay for some land bought of the Indians, but does not appear later.

Children:— JACKSON. Born in Salem except Nathaniel in Boston.

THOMAS, born July 18, 1691; bap. July 26, 1691.

THOMAS, b. July 18, 1692.

NATHANIEL, b. May 15, 1693; bap. May 21, 1693.

ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 10, 1695; bap. Mar. 10, 1695; mar. Jan. 24, 1726, Rev. John Webb.

MARY, b. May 24, 1698; bap. May 29, 1698.

PRISCILLA, b. Aug. 27, 1702.

22. JOSEPH GRAFTON, baptized September 1682, 1st Church, Salem, married June 15, 1715 (Town Records) Elizabeth, born June 9, 1693, died October 28, 1717, daughter of Walter and Margaret (Manning) Palfrey. He married (2) February 13, 1718/9, Mary Orne, who was possibly a daughter or sister of the Timothy Orne who witnessed her father's will in 1766, but whose birth and death and parents' names have not been identified in the records.

Joseph Grafton was a mariner and as captain of the "John and Elizabeth," schooner, sailed in December 1738 for the West Indies, returning with a cargo of rum. He owned one eighth part of the brig "Union" and sailed as her master for Fayal June 1742 and he also owned the sloop "Rebecca" in July 1752 and the schooner "Betsey," 24 tons, in 1762. (Essex Institute Historical Collections, v. 37, p. 79.)

Joseph Grafton of Salem, Mar<sup>r</sup>, Consideration £130, sold to "my Brother Will<sup>m</sup> Grafton of Salem, sailmaker, land in Salem, 25 poles, (bounded West by a Lane, north & east by land formerly Walter Palfrey's, south by land lately Sam<sup>l</sup> Wakefeild's) with a house and barn being that messuage I bought of Joseph Belknap December 7, 1728." His wife Mary releases her dower right. Acknowledged December 11, 1728. Witnesses W<sup>m</sup> Gale, Hugh Bolton. (Essex Deeds, v. 52, p. 88.)

Joseph Grafton of Salem, mariner, attorney to his brother William (26) late of Salem, now of Providence, sailmaker, as by an instrument appears March 8. Whereas Mary Cox of Salem, widow, on January 26, 1737, by deed mortgaged to W<sup>m</sup> Grafton the southerly end of a house in Salem, (bounded west by Mansfield's heirs, north by the street, east by Velpy's land, south by Valpy etc.) quit-claim November 10, 1749. Acknowledged November 13, 1749. Witnesses John Higginson, Daniel Wiswell. (Ibid v. 95, p. 101.)

He contributed £5 for the expedition to Canada in 1757. (Essex Institute Collections, v. 3, p. 83.)

He died between October 18, 1766 and January 6, 1766/7.

The will of Joseph Grafton.

I Joseph Grafton of Salem, Mariner. Imprimis to my loving Wife Mary Grafton the Income of all my Estate during her natural Life.

Item to my son Joseph Grafton Jun<sup>r</sup> (after my wife's Decease) all the Book debts I have against him amounting to about three hundred Pounds and also thirty Pounds more to be paid him (after my wife's Decease) by my three Daughters, Namely Susanna, Mary & Anna.

Item, to my Grandson Joseph Grafton the 3<sup>d</sup> one Hundred Pounds (after my Wife's decease) if he arrives at the Age of twenty-one Years to be paid him by my three Daughters. Item to my Grandson Woodbridge Grafton Eighty Pounds (at 21) etc. Item to my grandson Joshua Grafton Two hundred Pounds (at 21) etc. Item to my Grandaughter Esther Grafton one hundred Pounds (at 21) etc. Item (after my Debts, Legacies and funeral Charges are paid) all my Estate (after my Wife's decease) equally to be divided among my three daughters. Lastly my beloved wife Mary Grafton to be sole Executrix. October 18, 1766.

Witnesses Timothy Orne, Peter Cheever Jun<sup>r</sup>, Joseph Hill. Proved January 7, 1767. (Essex County Probate Records, v. 342, p. 347.)

Inventory of Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Grafton late of Salem (it includes "1 Bed, Negro's, Negro's Cloths, Sloop Appurtenances and Boat, a Pew in Mr. Barnard's Meeting House, two thirds of a Schooner with a Boat). £2760:6:0. Taken by Francis Cabot, Nathan Goodale, Stephen Higginson, August 3, 1767 and the widow Mary Grafton Executrix presented the papers. (Ibid v. 344, p. 140.)

Part of his real estate was land bought of Captain John Richards of Salem November 30, 1727 which came to his three unmarried daughters, Susanna, Mary and Anna and they conveyed it to Joseph Peabody of Salem September 30, 1790 for £460. (Essex Antiquarian, v. 11, p. 17.)

Child:— by first wife.

34. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 8, 1717, bap. Aug. 11, 1717, 1st Church; d. Feb. 1718/9.

Children:— by second wife.

35. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 14, 1721; d. Oct. 4, 1721.
36. SUSANNAH, b. July 29, 1722; d. Oct. 1794, unmarried, ae. 73.
37. MARY (Molly), b. Jan. 15, 1724/5; bur. Oct. 23, 1802, ae. 78, unmarried.
38. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 26, 1726; d. before 1817.
39. ANNE, b. Dec. 24, 1727, bap. Dec. 24, 1727, 1st. Church; d. before May 31, 1803, unmarried.
40. ESTHER, b. June 6, 1729, bap. June 8, 1729, 1st. Church; d. Apl. 20, 1767, unmarried.
41. JOSHUA, bap. Aug. 5, 1733, 1st. Church; d. before 1767.

26. WILLIAM GRAFTON, born about 1697, married September 23, 1720, Sarah baptized February 2, 1700/1, died before 1721, daughter of Captain Thomas and Elizabeth (Johnson) Flint. He married (2) October 12, 1721, Jane, date of birth unknown, daughter of David and Hannah Britton of Salem. She died April 10, 1762 in Rehoboth. He removed to Providence, R. I. and was a sailmaker there in 1737. In 1742 he was in Newport. His death appears in the Providence Journal July 22, 1779, 83d year.

Mary Cox, of Salem, widow, sold for £26:10 to William Grafton of Salem, sailmaker a house in Salem, January 26, 1737. Witnesses John Higginson, John Higginson Jr. Acknowledged May 2, 1738. (Ibid v. 76, p. 47.)

William Grafton of Providence, Sailmaker, appointed his brother Joseph Grafton of Salem his attorney to receive mortgage monies due on a mortgage dated June 6, 1737, on March 8, 1748. (Essex Deeds, v. 95, p. 8.)

William Grafton of Newport, R. I., Sailmaker and Jane his wife sold for £215 to Warwick Palfrey of Salem, Sailmaker, a messuage and Piece of land in Salem, 25 rods, (bounded south by Sam<sup>l</sup> Wakefeilds, west by a Lane, north by Thomas Dane, east by Warwick Palfrey) February 22, 1742. Jean Grafton signs. Witnesses Peleg Clark, Peter Easton. Acknowledged February 23, 1742 at Newport. (Ibid v. 82, p. 260.)

The following and other deeds of the Britton heirs are recorded:—

Thomas Bayley of Boston, gentleman, for himself and Jane Pidgeon of Newton, widow, and Rachel Shrewsbury of Boston, widow, by a power and Joseph Grafton of Newton, clerk for himself and in behalf of Nathaniel Grafton of Newport and William Grafton of Providence and Francis Phillips of Malden, gentleman, for himself and for Sarah Vener of Boston, spinster by her power sold for £10 to Nathaniel Ropes of Salem, Gentleman, one cow lease or Common right in the great Pasture in Salem which David Britton late of Salem, gent. died seized of. May 11, 1791. Witnesses Richard Ward, Tho<sup>s</sup> Bowditch. Acknowledged May 12, 1791. (Ibid v. 155, p. 124.)

Rachel Sowsby of Boston, widow, (1/6 part), Thomas Bayley of Boston, gent. (1/6 part), purchased of Jane Pigeon of Newton, widow and Thomas Bayley & Susannah his wife, (1/12 part), Elizabeth Frazier of Boston, (1/12 part), Benjamin Caw of . . . , yeoman and . . . his wife, (1/12 part), (by attorney Sarah Venner of Boston) and Sarah Venner, (1/12 part), Francis Phillips of Malden, gent. and Anna his wife, (1/6 part), Nathaniel Grafton of Newport and William Grafton of Providence, sailmakers, (1/12 part) heirs of David Britton late of Salem, gent. deceased sold for £84 to Abel Lawrence of Salem, distiller, land in Salem (bounded west by a Lane, north by Frye, east by Samuel Gray, south by said Abel and others) on which their distillery house stands and on a highway belonging to Salem which Britton bought of Daniel Needham by deed recorded Book 90, leaf 117, May 12, 1791. Witnesses, Benj. C. Grafton, Wm. Borden; Jn<sup>o</sup> Dorrance & Jos. Grafton for Wm. & Sarah Grafton; Samuel Barrett & Martha S. Barrett for Sarah Venner, Benj. Caw & Mary Caw; by said Sarah Venner atty.; Ezra Sargeant & Wm. Hoskins for Francis Phillips and Anna Phillips. Acknowledged June 2, 1791 by the Graftons and in 1792 by the others. (Ibid v. 156, p. 104.)



Children:— first five born in Salem, last four in Newport.

42. NATHANIEL, b. July 21, 1723.
43. WILLIAM, b. Nov. 2, 1725; d. Aug. 17, 1796, Newton, ae. 71.
44. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 1, 1728 (?1727), bap. Nov. 5, 1727, 1st Church.
45. JOSEPH, b. Apl. 10, 1730.
46. SARAH, b. Oct. 20, 1733.
47. MARY, bap. May 18, 1740, 2d Church, Newport.
48. JOHN, bap. Apl. 24, 1743, 2d Church, Newport; ?d. "at sea" July 17, 1763, ae. 23, Newport or 1779 Providence record.
49. SUSANNA, bap. July 26, 1745, 2d Church, Newport.
50. JOSEPH, bap. Sep. 10, 1749, 2d Church, Newport.

(In part taken from the Flint Genealogy.)

28. HANNAH GRAFTON, born May 27, 1691, married September 15, 1714, in Boston, Nathaniel, perhaps baptized October 12, 1690 in Boston and if so the son of Henry and Elizabeth Emmes. The deeds show that they were both living in 1732, but the dates of death do not appear.

"The lot running to the water" on Hardy Street, Salem which street was laid out by the Graftons, "was a part of the homestead of Joshua (sic) Grafton sr. who owned it with the house before 1661." The first Joshua was a son of Joseph jr. and the latter died in 1670. It would seem that the name Joshua was used in error for Joseph sr. Joseph jr. died in 1682/3. "He died in 1682 and his administrator conveyed it to his grandson Joshua Grafton of Salem, mariner, December 12, 1683. Joshua died in 1699 and the house, land and orchard were valued in his inventory at £100. The house was gone in 1722 when Hannah, wife of Nathaniel Emmes, stonecutter and Priscilla, wife of Joseph Robie, glazier, both of Boston for £55 conveyed the lot to Colonel John Turner of Salem." (Essex Antiquarian, part 10, p. 72.)

In 1732 Nathaniel Emmes of Boston and wife Hannah conveyed to Timothy Lindall, Esq. one common right and a half "being originally from Joshua Grafton, father of s<sup>d</sup> Hannah his homestead near Col. Turners." This places it at the southeast corner of old Mr. Joseph Grafton's estate, at the foot of Grafton's Lane, now Hardy Street. (Essex Institute Historical Collections, v. 16, p. 260.)

Children:— EMMES (Eames), born in Boston.

ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 26, 1715; probably married May 1, 1740,  
John Parkman.

HENRY, b. Jan. 2, 1716.

NATHANIEL, b. Feb. 18, 1717.

JOSHUA, b. Nov. 17, 1719.

HANNAH, b. May 25, 1726.

MARY, b. Jan. 17, 1728.

MERCY, b. Jul. 17, 1730.

The following marriages in the Boston Record Commissioners' Reports may have to do with Henry and Joshua above:—Henry Emmes and Anne Lyde, Jan. 31, 1739-forbid. Henry Emmes and Mary Giles, July 7, 1743. Henry Emmes and Ann Seadon, Mar. 25, 1742. Joshua Emmes and Martha Parkman, Aug. 9, 1743. Joshua Emmes and Margaret Clarke, Nov. 11, 1747.

30. SAMUEL GRAFTON, born January 16, 1693, married November 5, 1724, (probably this Samuel), Ann, born November 22, 1705, daughter of William and Ann (Stocker) Briggs. Dates of death are lacking.

Samuel Grafton of Boston, gentleman, was a surety February 22, 1733 on a bond of Samuel Jackson as guardian of Elizabeth Jackson, a minor, daughter of Samuel Jackson of Portsmouth, Samuel jr. being her brother. (Suffolk Probate Registry.)

An Ann Grafton lost £4: 4: 0 in the great fire of 1760. (Record Commissioners' Reports.)

Children:— born in Boston.

51. ANN, b. Sep. 1, 1725.

52. HANNAH, b. Nov. 28, 1730.

31. JOSHUA GRAFTON, born 1694, was a merchant in Salem, but nothing has been found about him except that possibly it was he who was master of the schooner *Caser* (*Caesar*) sailing to and from Gibraltar between November 4, 1757 and December 31, 1759 and of the brigantine *Lydia*, captured by H. M. S. *Diamond* off the Georges Banks on April 6, 1775.

33. PRISCILLA GRAFTON, born February 8, 1698, baptized December 15, 1700 in the 1st Church, Salem, married April 14, 1719, in Boston, Joseph, born August 20, 1693, son of William and Elizabeth (Greenough) Robie of Boston.

She probably died after 1728 since it seems to be he who married as a second wife May 25, 1731, Mary Webber.

Children:— born in Boston, ROBY (ROBIE).

JOSEPH, b. Mar. 28, 1721.

HENRY, b. Oct. 3, 1722.

JOSEPH, b. May 12, 1724, d. Jan. 31, 1803. Grad. Harvard College 1742.

HANNAH, b. Jan. 9, 1725.

WILLIAM, b. June 5, 1727.

EBENEZER, b. June 29, 1728.

36. SUSANNAH GRAFTON, born July 29, 1722, was not married. She died October 21, 1794 ae. 73.

Samuel Giles of Salem, cabinet maker, for £240, Susannah his wife consenting, to Susannah Grafton of Salem, spinster, the property described below, May 11, 1754. Witnesses, Warwick Palfray, Sam<sup>l</sup> Jenison. Acknowledged May 4, 1754. (Essex County Deeds, v. 101, p. 1.)

Susannah Grafton of Salem, spinster, for £240 sold to her "hon'd Father, Joseph Grafton of Salem, Mariner a mansion house, Shop, Barn etc. in Salem lately belonging to Samuel Giles of whom I purchased the same, (bounded north by the Main street, east by Phippen, south by Jonathan Archer, west by Joseph Grafton) June 17, 1754. Witnesses Sam<sup>l</sup> Archer, David Ropes. Ac-

knowledgeed June 17, 1754. (Essex County Deeds, v. 101, p. 33.)

Indenture March 31, 1789 between Susanna Grafton, Mary Grafton and Anne Grafton, all of Salem, single women and Jonathan Gardner senior of Salem, merchant, whereas said Susanna, Mary and Anne are seized in fee of certain houses and lands and tenements in common and are desirous said estate should be converted into a joint estate with right of survivorship, have appointed Jonathan Gardner as Feoffee (&) in consideration of the premises and five shillings paid them by said Jonathan convey to said Jonathan Two Houses on the Main street about 190 feet and about  $\frac{3}{4}$  . . . (bounded west by Cap<sup>n</sup> Thomas Mason & widow Waters, & Dea. Wm. Gray, east by Miles Ward, Nathl. Richardson & Wm. Phippen, north by said street) that were devised to said Susanna, Mary and Anne by their father Joseph Grafton deceased. Witnesses W<sup>m</sup> Amory, Isaac Osgood. Acknowledged March 31, 1789. (Ibid v. 149, p. 231.)

The three sisters also sold for £460 to Joseph Peabody of Salem, mariner, a dwelling house in Salem, (bounded north east by Thomas Mason, north on Main street, east our land, east Richardson & Ward, south formerly Miles Wards now Grays, Waters and Mannings & said Mason) September 30, 1790. Witnesses:— Richard Manning, Woodbridge Grafton. Acknowledged October 5, 1790. (Ibid v. 153, p. 91.)

Inventory of the estate of M<sup>rs</sup>. Susanna Grafton late of Salem, single woman, April 14, 1796, (includes a pew in the North Meeting House "where Doct<sup>r</sup> Barnard officiates") presented by M<sup>r</sup> Woodbridge Grafton Administrator April 14, 1796. Amounting to \$212. (Essex Probate Records, v. 364, p. 352.)

Administration of Estate of Susanna Grafton late of Salem, single woman to Woodbridge Grafton, (Benjamin Ward jun<sup>r</sup> & Benjamin Dean Sureties) September 8, 1796. (Ibid v. 364, p. 151.)

38. JOSEPH GRAFTON, JR., born August 26, 1726, married December 20, 1752, Elizabeth, born March 12,

1725, died February 22, 1817, buried February 26, daughter of Captain Benjamin and Mary (Osgood) Woodbridge. He was a sea captain and died before 1817.

Joseph Grafton of Salem, Mariner and Elizabeth his wife sold for £36:12:8 to Dudley Woodbridge of Salem, tanner, land in Andover, 464 acres, which Captain Peter Osgood late of Salem, deceased was seized of which was given to his wife by said Peter by will (one boundary was the Reading line), March 22, 1771. Witnesses Lemuel Holt, Edward Morse. Acknowledged January 15, 1772. (Essex County Deeds, v. 129, p. 246.)

Joseph Grafton of Salem, cooper, sold for £18 to Abraham Brown of Salem, Cabinet maker a joiner shop on land of Dudley Woodbridge in Salem which I this day purchased of said Brown (for which) said Joseph hath given a note of Hand. August 17, 1773. Witnesses David Phippen, Atwater Phippen. Acknowledged December 22, 1773. (Ibid v. 132, p. 150.)

Joseph Grafton, jr. commanded the schooner "Beaver," 40 tons, to Barbadoes, January 5, 1759; the schooner "Apollo," 32 tons, to Guadaloupe, March 27, 1761 and the sloop "Batcheller," 28 tons, from Nova Scotia, October 10, 1763 and returning there October 29, 1763 and April 4, 1764.

It was probably this Joseph who bought the ship "Prosper," 200 tons, for £9700 on September 15, 1779 and the brigantine "Rh[o]d[a]"? 70 tons, for £3150 two days earlier. These vessels appear among many others sold to sundry people in the records of an auctioneering business carried on during the Revolutionary war by Joseph Grafton. The sales took place in Salem, Beverly, Ipswich and Newburyport between 1776 and 1780. (Essex Institute Historical Collections, v. 49, p. 97.)

*The following including that relating to ship Prosper p. 58 should also appear on p. 43.*

#### Joseph and Joshua Grafton

Having established a House at the Havana and in this place, most respectfully beg leave to make a tender of their best services to the public in general, and their friends in particular. Such persons as may favour them with their business, may depend upon the utmost fidelity, dispatch, and punctuality in the execution of it. They



will at all times, with great pleasure, give information of the current prices of the various articles at that market. Salem, January, 1782.

—*Salem Gazette*, Jan. 17, 1782.

Joseph and Joshua Grafton sold at auction April 22, 1783 to Elias Hasket Derby of Salem the English ship "Pompey" (renamed "America") captured as a prize during the Revolutionary war by the "Grand Turk." (*Ibid* v. 7, p. 209.)

George Belton Scott, cooper, and Hannah Scott, spinster, of Salem, sold for £290 to Joseph Grafton of Salem, merchant, 2/5 of a messuage of land with buildings in Salem, (bounded west by the street leading to the South River, south by the land of Benjamin Pickman, Esq., east by said Pickman, north by Ephraim Ingalls since Saml. Ward's) as heirs of their brother Joseph Scott long absent. October 3, 1792. Witnesses John Clarke, John Pickering, Wm. Safford. Acknowledged October 3, 1792. (*Essex County Deeds*, v. 155, p. 109.)

Doctor Bentley, who records in his voluminous diary the sayings and doings of the townspeople says:—June 6, 1799. "Went with a party of friends to dine with the widow Grafton at Wenham. We amused ourselves with the Alewives, Lamprey eels and small fish of Wenham pond, and after an elegant social dinner we went to Pleasant pond about 1/2 mile northwestward from the meeting house . . . After Tea we returned to Salem."

September 24, 1803. "This day the family house of Grafton, Essex Street just above Elm Street, was sold for 5000 dollars at Public Vendue. Much antient furniture among which was a Couch which was bought at my request."

March 2, 1805. "This day I received a pot of sweetmeats from Sheik Hameh of Arabia, by Capt. Grafton by way of Boston."

March 22, 1805. "My letters which Capt. Grafton brought from Mocha have not been found. Capt. G. thinks he delivered them to the Post Office."

March 23, 1805. "Capt. Grafton waited upon me with every appearance of honest intentions about my Letters.

When they are found I can judge better. He says he brought them & laid them out for the Post Office."

"Wood Grafton, son of the wid. Elizabeth Grafton, is absent & with his wife this aged Woman found a home, much respected." (Notice of her death February 25, 1817.)

February 26, 1817. "This day the Widow E. Grafton was buried."

Children:— born in Salem.

53. JOSEPH, bap. Aug. 3, 1754; d. Aug. 23, 1754.

54. JOSEPH, b. Sep. 12, 1755; d. about Dec. 17, 1794.

55. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 17, 1758, bap. Aug. 20; d. Aug. 25, 1758.

56. WOODBRIDGE, b. Sep. 11, 1760; d. Sep. 18, 1760.

57. WOODBRIDGE, b. Apl. 14, 1763; bap. Apl. 17.

58. GILMAN, bap. Aug. 16, 1767.

59. MARY GILMAN, b. 1770; d. Apl. 29, 1809.

39. ANNE GRAFTON, born December 24, 1727, died before May 31, 1803, notice of death in *Salem Gazette* of that date, aged 75 years. She was unmarried.

The will of Anne Grafton.

I Anne Grafton of Salem, spinster. First my Executor to pay all debts. Second to my great nephew Joshua Grafton, son of Joshua Grafton deceased, one half of my pew in the Meeting House, where Doctor Barnard officiates, also a large silver porringer and a large silver spoon. Third To my great nephew Joseph Grafton, son of said Joshua deceased, the other half of my said pew and a large silver porringer and one large silver spoon. Fourth To George Grafton, son of Captain Woodbridge Grafton, one small silver porringer and one large silver spoon. Fifth To Anne Grafton, daughter of said Woodbridge, one large silver spoon and one small porringer. Sixth to Eliza Grafton, daughter of said Woodbridge, one silver cup, silver pepper box and large spoon. Seventh To Susanna Grafton, daughter of said Joshua deceased, one silver cann, two large silver spoons, one pair of silver sugar tongs and six silver tea-spoons marked S.G. Eighth To Mary Grafton, daughter of said Joshua deceased, one silver spout cup, one large silver spoon, and

six tea spoons marked M. G. Ninth All the residue of my House-hold furniture to the said Susanna Grafton, and Mary Grafton to be equally divided. Tenth To the aforesaid Woodbridge Grafton, Susanna Grafton and Mary Grafton all my real estate and the residue of my person estate (not herein before bequeathed) including all debts; and if the said Woodbridge should die before me, the share given to him, to his children; and if either said Susanna or Mary should die before me, the share given to her, to her child or children (if any she should have) but if she should leave no child or children, who shall be living at my death, then to her surviving sister. Lastly I revoke all former wills and appoint Woodbridge Grafton sole executor. January 4, 1803.

Witnesses:—Thomas Barnard, George Archer, Olivea (Olivia) Thomas.

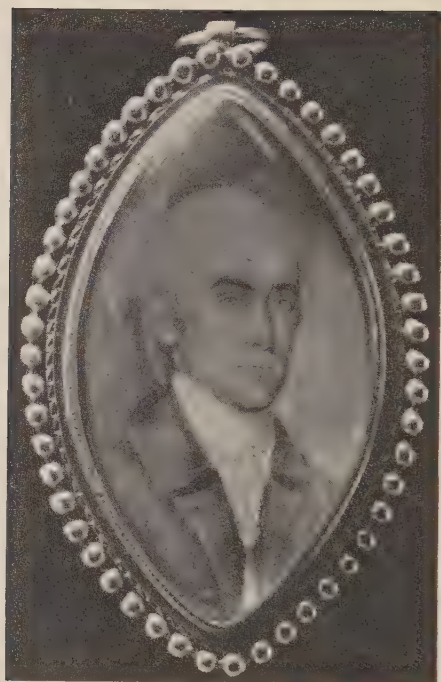
Proved June 8, 1803.

Inventory of Miss Anna Grafton of Salem, spinster, (includes house on Essex Street in said Salem, floor pew No. 59 in Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr. Barnard's meeting-house) \$1253.01, presented by Jonathan Lambert, Benj<sup>n</sup> Ward jun., Joseph Henfield. January 10, 1803. (Essex Probate Records, v. 370, p. 492.)

41. JOSHUA GRAFTON, baptized August 5, 1733, 1st Church, Salem, married 1757, Mary, baptized February 13, 1736-7, 1st Church, daughter of Henry and Mary (Waters) Williams. He died before 1767 as she had then married, as is shown by the will of her son Joshua in 1787 and the baptisms of her children by Captain John(?) Adams Chapman, concerning whom no records appear. Additional proof of Joshua Grafton's death is afforded by the deed below which calls her "widow" in 1767.

George Williams and Samuel Williams, Mariners of Salem and Joshua Grafton of Salem, Mariner, and Mary his wife, sold for £44:12:9 to James Buffum of Salem, Hatter, 15/16 of two pieces of land formerly in Salem now in Danvers, one 2 acres, 85 poles, (bounded south by David Foster, west by land now or late of John Jacobs, north by the highway, east by land late of John Small)





JOSHUA GRAFTON.

From a portrait by Copley, in possession of  
J. Grafton Minot.



the other 2 acres, 154 poles, (bounded south by land late of John Small, west by John Waters, north by land released by Daniel Massey and Samuel Massey to Joseph Verry, east by land of John Jacobs which Joseph Verry conveyed April 30, 1746 to Henry Williams, father of George, Samuel and Mary Williams). March 28, 1758. Witnesses:— Isaac Needham, Barbey Warters. Acknowledged January 29, 1759. (Essex County Deeds, v. 105, p. 204.)

Gedney King of Salem, Blockmaker and Lydia his wife sold for a bond and five shillings to Mary Grafton, of Salem, widow, 1/3 of an acre and 16 poles in Salem with a house, (bounded west by the Highway to Ferry Lane, north by land late of Robert Hooper, east by Benjamin Pickman Esq<sup>r</sup>, south by Nath<sup>l</sup> Andrews deceased) which Lydia Luscomb, mother of said Lydia, wife of said King (the said Lydia Luscomb being now the wife of Sam<sup>l</sup> Luscomb of Salem, Gunsmith) is now seized of as tennant in Dowry. June 5, 1767. Witnesses:— Bonfield Felt, Joseph Henfield. Acknowledged June 5, 1767. (Ibid v. 121, p. 48.)

Children:— born in Salem.

60. JOSHUA, bap. Aug. 7, 1757, 1st Church; bur. Oct. 1787, ae. 33.

61. ESTHER, bap. Feb. 11, 1759, 1st Church; d. probably Sep. 8, 1761.

Captain John and Mary Chapman had three children, Esther Grafton, Mary and Henry baptized between 1767 and 1771.

42. Nathaniel Grafton born July 21, 1723 in Salem, married April 24, 1748, 2d Congregational Church, Newport, R. I., (1747 in Newport Vital records) Elizabeth Chambers. He was a sailmaker and was made a Freeman in Rhode Island in 1745. He or another of the same name, possibly his son, married in 1781, Mary Sweetland and in the Newport Census of 1790 Nathaniel Grafton had in his family three of whom two were females. The name also appears in Providence.

43. WILLIAM GRAFTON, born November 2, 1725 in Salem, married June 7, 1754, Sarah Glaser of Swansey, born about 1729, died October 5 (or 12), 1791 in Providence in her 63d year.

He was a mariner and master of a vessel in the West Indian trade and when fifty years old became a sail-maker and removed to Providence and evidently later to Newton, Mass. as "old Mr. Grafton" died there August 17, 1796, ae. 71. He served as a private in Col. Topham's regiment in 1776 and was a fifer in Col. Elliott's regiment the same year. (R. I. Soldiers & Sailors, 1755-1762.) He had served on the privateer "George" of Newport in 1757.

In the Providence Census of 1774 he had seven in his family, four males under 16, 2 females over 16.

62. JOSEPH, b. June 9, 1757; d. Dec. 16, 1836, ae. 79 yrs. 6 mos.

63. LYDIA.

44. ELIZABETH GRAFTON, born November 1, 1728, but in the records of the 1st Church baptized November 5, 1727, married August 20, 1748, (intention), John Mason of Rehoboth. Nothing has been discovered in regard to this family and the children below which appear in the Rehoboth records are somewhat doubtfully theirs.

Children:— born in Rehoboth, MASON.

NOAH, b. June 29, 1749; d. Nov. 29, 1764.

WILLIAM, b. Dec. 8, 1751.

JOHN, b. June 20, 1762; d. Oct. 5, 1797.

51. ANN GRAFTON, born September 1, 1725, in Boston probably married August 5, 1751, in Boston, Benjamin Gilbert.

52. HANNAH GRAFTON, born November 28, 1730, probably married October 20 (intention October 5), 1754, Henry Gardiner.

Children:— born in Boston, GARDINER.

HENRY, b. Aug. 2, 1779.

JOSEPH, b. Aug. 16, 1781.

54. JOSEPH GRAFTON, born September 12, 1755, married March 22, 1788 in Salem, Martha (Patty), born March 3, 1760, died May 27, 1840, ae. 80, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (White) Elkins. She had previously married March 4, 1780, William, son of William and Catherine (Sewall) Pyncheon and after Joseph Grafton's death about December 7, 1794 she married a third time, May 1, 1806, George Stuart, son of Francis and Mary (Johnson) Johonnot of Boston and Salem who bought the Peirce house at 80 Federal Street, Salem, designed by Samuel McIntire in or about 1779. Mr. and Mrs. Johonnot adopted Martha Grafton Greenwood, daughter of Miles Greenwood of New York, who was baptized November 29, 1810, ae. about 10 years in St. Peter's Church, Salem.

Joseph Grafton built a house on Essex street, opposite the Essex Institute, later occupied by the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Society and William Pyncheon built the house at 13 Summer street, later owned by James A. Emmerton.

Doctor Bentley records in his diary on December 17, 1794, "News from Charlestown that Joseph Grafton of this Town put an end to his life by cutting his Throat. The morals & manners of this man have been singular. The past incident of his life at the death of his Cousin, the particulars of which may be found in the day book as I was an eye witness. The disinheriting a wife & children, the marriage with a woman who distressed the family & without reputation, the attempt to impoverish his aged benefactress by a law suit for 1500£, when he was in debt 300£, his active zeal to divorce his mother-in-law, (Elizabeth Elkins, widow married January 12, 1772, Miles Greenwood, late of Boston and, as stated above the Johonnots adopted the daughter Martha Grafton) his injuries to his brother, his contempt of all religion, his ideas of success constituting morality, the suits which perplexed his last hours, leave no room to doubt that his mind was disquieted without consolation."

"The melancholy ideas which have obtruded on my mind, occasioned by the death of Mr. Joseph Grafton,

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has induced me to take a retrospect of his life which is the best eulogium on his character.

Persecuted by those who had been supposed in affluence by his bounty, when no longer able to supply their extravagant demands. Forced to quit the place of his nativity, to find resources for the discharge of debts not contracted by himself, and from which he never received any advantage. Five years of unremitting industry had nearly crowned his labours with success, when chance threw in his way, to complete his misfortunes, one not inferior to those who had begun them. Disappointed in the hope that had so long enabled him to bear with firmness his adverse fortunes, that on returning to pass the remainder of his days in ease and competency with a beloved family—wearied with endeavouring to stem the stream of adversity which pressed hard upon him, his reason forsook her seat, and he calmly resigned his life into the hands of the God who gave it. In tracing the historic page we frequently observe, that the best men fall a sacrifice to the vile arts of those who in our opinion do not deserve to breathe the same air with themselves. Why this is permitted we are at a loss to account for—but we are assured that in another state of existence the ways of Heaven will be fully justified to man.

The virtuous and humane will drop the tear of sympathy for the untimely death of one so deserving, which the dark soul of the calumniator will still endeavour to blacken a character which they feel to be so superior to their own. But to such I write not, for they can only deserve a contemptuous silence.” (*Salem Gazette*, December 30, 1794.)

Dr. Bentley further notes on January 3, 1795—“Great censure has been passed upon the representation in the *Gazette* respecting Joseph Grafton. From the piece it has left the public uncertain whether it came from a friend or an enemy. If it came from a friend as is supposed, it must have come from a fool, talking of the loss of reason & calm resignation in the act of cutting his throat.”

Martha Grafton of Salem sold for \$62.50 to William

Stearns of Salem, Physician, 2 full shares &  $\frac{1}{2}$  in Assembly house so-called in Salem originally subscribed for by I. & I. Grafton purchased of Dan<sup>l</sup> Mackey said William being now in actual possession. December 10, 1795. Witnesses Tho. Saunders, John Fairfield. Acknowledged December 15, 1795. (Essex County Deeds, v. 161, p. 164.)

Stephen Marsh of Wenham, with consent of his wife Ruthy, sold for \$533 to Martha Grafton of Salem, widow, land in Wenham, two acres with buildings, (bounded by the highway, the land of Nath<sup>l</sup> Kimball, running east and north on Kimball's land to Joseph Searl's heirs, thence west to the highway.) September 24, 1798. Witnesses:— John Porter, Tyler Porter. Acknowledged October 29, 1798. (Ibid v. 163, p. 201.)

Eleanor Searls of Wenham relict of Joseph Searls late of Wenham, deceased, sold for \$150 to Martha Grafton of Salem, widow, a house and land in Wenham, (bounded by the highway at north corner, east by Robert Adoniram Judgson, turning south by Nath<sup>l</sup> Kimball, thence west by Martha Grafton.) April 15, 1799. Witnesses:— Tyler Porter, Ebenezer Porter. Acknowledged April 15, 1799. (Ibid v. 165, p. 28.)

January 5, 1795. Administration of the estate of Joseph Grafton, late of Salem, Merchant, granted to Martha Grafton, Joseph White and Thomas Saunders, Sureties. (Essex Probate v. 363, p. 452.)

Inventory of M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Grafton late of Salem, Merchant, April 13, 1795 taken by William Cleaveland, Joseph White, Jon<sup>n</sup> Gardner, £16:8:1. Presented by Mrs. Martha Grafton. (Ibid v. 364, p. 2.)

Additional inventory of M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Grafton (Books—Encyclopedia 10 vols £13:10, Robertson's America 3 vols 12/—, Charles 5th 4 vols 24/—, Gibbons' Roman Empire 6 vols 48/—, Smollet & Humes England 13 vols 78/—, Smith's Wealth of Nations 3 vols 18/—, Cox's Travels 3 vols 13/6, etc. 177 vols total £37:6:7.) taken by W<sup>m</sup> Cleaveland, Joseph White, Jon. Gardner, £5223:5:3. Martha Grafton Adm<sup>x</sup> account November 9, 1798. \$7537.91, November 9, 1798. (Ibid v. 366, p. 333.)



Guardianship of Joseph Grafton, minor, more than nine years, and son of Joseph Grafton of Salem, Merchant, to Martha Grafton, (Capt. Joseph White & Mr. Thomas Saunders, Sureties.) November 9, 1798. (Ibid v. 366, p. 335.)

Martha Grafton Guardian of Joseph Grafton, account June 24, 1799. His share of the personal estate of his father Joseph Grafton \$12694.96.8. (Ibid v. 366, p. 540.)

Martha Grafton Guardian of her minor son Joseph Grafton impowered to sell real estate, gave bond May 3, 1803. (Ibid v. 370, p. 440.)

Martha Grafton Guardian of Joseph Grafton a minor and son of Joseph Grafton, account \$2800.26.3, June 6, 1803. (Ibid v. 370, p. 473.)

Child:— born in Salem.

64. JOSEPH, b. about 1789; d. about Jan. 3, 1806, ae. 17, student at Harvard College.

57. WOODBRIDGE GRAFTON, born April 14, baptized April 17, 1763, married December 17, 1789, Patience Locke, perhaps born February 4, 1756, but not recorded in Andover, daughter of Benjamin and Patience (Locke) Woodbridge.

He was a sea captain and in 1790 was part owner and master of the schooner *St. John*, 71 tons, owner and master of the schooner '*Hannah*,' 70 tons in 1794 and likewise of the brig '*Venus*' launched in 1795 and built by Ebenezer Mann at Frye's Mills in Salem. She was 75½ feet long and 151 and a fraction tons burden. (Essex Institute Collections.)

He was the executor of his aunt Anne's estate in 1803.

Samuel Morey of Orford, Grafton County, N. H., Gent<sup>n</sup> and Hannah Morey his wife sold for \$2000 to Woodbridge Grafton of Salem, Gent<sup>n</sup> land in Salem (on Liberty Street from the land of Jon<sup>a</sup> Peale to the corner, north to the burying ground, east on the burying ground, south on Jon<sup>n</sup> Peele) with a house, store and rights, purchased of Alexander Storey. December 23, 1798. Witnesses Lucy Swinerton, Lydia Webb. Acknowledged

December 25, 1798. (Essex County Deeds, v. 164, p. 195.)

Mrs. Grafton was buried June 1, 1834, ae. 78 from St Peter's Church, Salem. If her age is correctly stated she was some years older than her husband. His death is not recorded.

Children:— born in Salem.

- 65. GEORGE WOODBRIDGE, b. Dec. 21, 1790, bap. Jan. 25, 1791; d. at sea 1826, ae. 40 and was buried in Patagonia.
- 66. WILLIAM, b. Sep. 6, 1792, bap. Sep. 23, 1792; bur. July 16, 1793.
- 67. ANNE FOUSSAT (FOSSETT), b. Jan. 15, 1794, bap. July 13, 1794; d. July 11, 1869.
- 68. ELIZABETH WOODBRIDGE, b. Apl. 1, 1797; d. May 28, 1825.

59. MARY GILMAN GRAFTON, born 1770, married November 19, 1788, Joseph Fenno who was living in 1809, but no dates of his birth or death nor the names of his parents are recorded in Salem. His wife died April 29, 1809, ae. 39 and was buried from the 1st Church on May 3d.

Children:— born in Salem, FENNO.

- MARY ANN, b. Feb. 23, 1790, bap. Feb. 28; d. May 7, 1813, mar. June 23, 1811, Robert Frye Cloutman.
- JOHN WOODBRIDGE, b. July 30, 1792, bap. Aug. 5, 1792; mar. Sep. 24, 1815, Anne Fausette Grafton, (No. 64); d. Nov. 7, 1859.
- MARY LOUISA, b. Feb. 17, 1794, bap. Mar. 2, 1794; d. Apl. 11, 1845, ae. 51.
- JOSEPH, b. Dec. 20, 1796, bap. Dec. 25, 1796; d. Feb. 8, 1801.
- ELIZABETH, bap. Nov. 18, 1798.
- GEORGE, b. Dec. 9, 1801, bap. Dec. 30, 1801; d. May 8, 1809.
- DORCAS WOODBRIDGE, b. Jan. 20, 1803, bap. Jul. 10, 1803; d. Dec. 8, 1803.

60. JOSHUA GRAFTON, baptized August 7, 1757, married (certificate) April 18, 1777, Lydia Masury, born 1757, daughter of William and Susanna (Shores) Masury, she died January 8, 1796, which is reported in the

Gazette of January 19th., her husband having died it would seem in October 1787 as his burial is in the records of St. Peter's Church on October 23d. His age is given as 33 in the Salem Mercury.

It would appear to be this Joshua who in a petition signed by Samuel Page, asked for a commission as commander of the brigantine 'Lydia' (privateer), order in council December 23, 1777, also in a petition signed by said Grafton asked a similar commission to the brig 'Salisbury' (privateer), order in council August 11, 1778 and another dated Boston, January 10, 1781 signed by Grafton in behalf of himself and others of Salem for the brigantine 'Romulus' (privateer) advised in council January 10, 1781. The 'Romulus' carried 14 guns and 25 men and was owned by Joshua Grafton, master, Joseph Waters and Thomas Palfrey.

Bond of Joshua Grafton, as principal, and Samuel Page and Walter Bartlett of Salem, as Sureties, to the Hon. Henry Gardner, Esq., Treasurer of the State of Massachusetts Bay, in the sum of five hundred pounds to be paid to the said Henry Gardner, Treasurer and Receiver General, for the use of said State. The condition of this obligation being that, whereas it is necessary that all persons taken at sea on board prizes should be brought into this, or some other of the United States, to the end that there may be a sufficient number to redeem such subjects of the United States as may fall into the Enemy's hands; so if the said Joshua Grafton of Salem, or the Commander of said Vessel shall bring or send into this or some other of the United States, all such persons as may by him be taken prisoners, then this obligation is void, otherwise it is in full force. Sealed with our seals, and dated Dec. 22, 1777.

Joshua Grafton

In presence of

Samuel Page

Thomas Simmons

Walter P. Bartlett.

D. Hopkins.

(Mass. Archives, Vol. VI, leaf 200.)

Bond of Joshua Grafton as principal, and Samuel Page, and Walter P. Bartlett, as Sureties, to the Hon. John Hancock, President of the Congress of the United States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, the Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex on Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, in the penal sum of 5000 dollars to be paid to the said John Hancock, Esq. or his attorneys, for the use of said States. The condition of this obligation being that if the above bounden Joshua Grafton, who is Commander of the Brigantine called the Lydia, belonging to Samuel Page and Walter Bartlett of Salem, in the State of Mass. Bay, mounting four carriage guns, and navigated by twenty men, and who hath applied for a Commission or Letter of Marque and Reprisal to own, equip and set forth to sea, the said Brigantine as a private ship of war, and to make captures of British vessels and cargoes, shall not exceed or transgress the powers and authorities which shall be contained in the said Commission, but shall things observe and conduct himself and govern his crew, by and according to the same and certain instructions herewith to be delivered, and such other instructions as may hereafter be given to him, and shall make for all damages reparation sustained by any misconduct or any unwarrantable proceedings of himself or the officers or the crew of the said Brigantine, then this obligation shall be void, or else remain in full force.

Sealed with our seals and dated Dec. 22, 1777.

In Presence of

Joshua Grafton

Thomas Simmons

Samuel Page

D. Hopkins

Walter P. Bartlett

(Mass. Archives, Vol. VI, leaf 203.)

Bond of Joshua Grafton, mariner, as principal, and Jno. Norris, and J. Grafton of Salem, in Mass. Bay, to the Hon. Henry Gardner, Esq. in the sum of 4000 pounds. The condition of this obligation being that, whereas it is necessary that all persons taken at sea on board prizes should be brought into this, or some other of the United States, to the end that there may be a sufficient number to redeem such subjects of the United States as may fall into the enemy's hands, and also that all persons in the pay of this or any of the United States should be effectually prevented going on board any armed vessels; now, if the said Jno. Norris and J. Grafton or Commander of the Armed Vessel called the Salisbury shall well and truly put on shore and deliver to the Commissary of Prisoners in some of the United States, all prisoners by him captured, and shall not carry out with him any person in the pay of this State, or any officer or soldier belonging to the Continental Army, then this bond to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed with our seals. Joshua Grafton

Dated, Aug. 11, 1778.

John Norris

In presence of D. Hopkins

J. Grafton

(Mass. Archives, Vol. VII, leaf 81.)

Bond of Joshua Grafton, as principal, John Norris and J. Grafton of Salem, as Sureties, to Hon. Henry Laurens, and other members of Congress, Esqrs., and to each of them in trust for the United States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia in North America, in the penalty of ten thousand dollars. Dated Aug. 11, 1778. The condition of this obligation is such, if the above bounden Joshua Grafton, who is the Commander of the Brig called the Salisbury, belonging to John Norris and others of Salem, mounting four carriage guns, and navigated by ten men, and who hath applied for a commission or Letters of Marque and Reprisal, to arm, equip and set forth to sea, the said brig as a private ship of war, and to make capture of vessels and cargoes belonging to the Crown and subjects of Great Britain,



shall not exceed the powers and authorities which shall be contained in the said Commission, but shall in all things observe and conduct himself and govern the crew by and according to the same, and shall make reparation for all damages sustained by any misconduct or unwarrantable proceedings of himself or the officers and crew of the said brig, then this obligation shall be void, or else remain in full force. Sealed with our seals and dated Aug. 11, 1778.

In the presence of  
D. Hopkins

Joshua Grafton  
Jno. Norris  
J. Grafton

(Mass. Archives, Vol. VII, leaf 82.)

Turning again to Dr. Bentley's invaluable record we find October 9, 1787, "On October 5, happened a curious interview with a celebrated Joshua Grafton, which deserved to be remembered. I had no previous acquaintance with the gentleman. Tho' I had been at his house it was not on the occasion of my visit, or to dine with him. He had been sick ever since I had been in Salem. He sent for me by his Cousin. The reason offered for going, was, that the patient was apprehending of death, & wished to communicate his last thoughts, & prove that he was of sound mind, & memory. I proposed to go after eleven & was accompanied by Capt. Joseph White. After a few delays, a company mustered, consisting of Captain B. Putnam, Jon<sup>a</sup> Ingersoll, Josh: Ward, Jn<sup>o</sup> White, & J. Fiske. Upon our admission below the women, five in number consisting of old M<sup>rs</sup> Grafton, two maidens, a Miss Chapman, and a Woodbridge, began a most horrible wailing. The intercession of the Cousin & the commands of the Patient obliged us to go up. Our opinions were then different, whether the whole were distracted, a part, which part, which most, &c. The Patient made several demands for the Sexton, repeated a little poetry, talked of his Pall holders, questioned such as were present, & rambled from thing to thing to prove he was in his right mind. Then he required whether we judged him right, asked prayers, interrupted them, & soon we all retired in the greatest confusion, insulted by the women, confused

by the unexpected powers of the family, & the conductor of the family told one of the persons looking for his hat, that if he would go home he would bring it to him.

November 18, 1787. The danger of the Loan of Books, for whose sentiments, you wish not to be accountable. Allen's Oracles of Reason, given by J. W. Esq<sup>r</sup> was lent to Col. C. under promise of secrecy, but by him lent to a Mr. Grafton, who was reported to have died a Confirmed Infidel, the book was found at his death in his chamber, examined with horror by his female relations. By them conveyed to a Mr. Williams, whose shop is remarkable for news, & therein examined—reported to be mine from the initials W. B., viewed as an awful curiosity by hundreds, connected with a report that I encouraged infidelity in Grafton by my prayers with him in his dying hour, & upon the whole a terrible opposition to me fixed in the minds of the devout & ignorant multitude.

The last Will of me Joshua Grafton of Salem, merchant; Imprimis my debts & funeral expences paid. Item unto my beloved wife Lydia Grafton ten Pounds. Item unto my Hon<sup>d</sup> Mother Mary Chapman one hundred Pounds. Item unto each of my Children viz. Joshua, Sukey, Joseph & Polly ten Pounds. Item I dispose of the Tuition and Custody of my four Children untill they shall respectively arrive at the age of twenty-one years to my beloved Friend and Cousin M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Grafton of Salem Merchant. Residue to said Friend and Cousin M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Grafton whom I make sole Executor. July 21, 1786. Probate November 7, 1787. Witnesses:—James Jeffry, I(saac) Osgood, S. Cook. (Essex Probate Court Records, v. 359, p. 268.)

Children:— born in Salem.

69. JOSHUA, bap. June 14, 1778, North Church.

70. SUSANNAH, (Suckey), bap. Mar. 1780, North Church.

71. JOSEPH, bap. Apl. 1782, North Church.

72. MARY, (Polly), bap. Feb. 1784, North Church.

62. JOSEPH GRAFTON, born June 9, 1757, in Newport, married December 12, 1779, Ruth, born about 1757, died March 27, 1784, ae. 27, daughter of Captain Barnard

& Lydia (Eddy) Eddy of Providence, R. I. He married (2) November 13, 1788, (intention September 26, 1788) in Plainfield, Conn., Sally, born September 25, 1762, died June 15, 1804, ae. 41, daughter of John and Lydia (Warren) Robinson of Waltham, Mass. He married (3) October 6, 1805, (intention), Hannah, baptized February 14, 1762, died January 29, (26 in Church records) 1835, ae. 73, daughter of Jeremiah and Martha Parker of Roxbury, Mass. The Providence "Phoenix" states the death of "Mrs. Hannah Grafton at Providence in 71st year 13 March 1831."

Until fourteen years old he was at school when he became a sail-maker and in 1784 was the preacher at Rehoboth Neck, having joined the Congregational Church in Providence in 1775, and in 1785 he was the preacher in Plainfield Congregational Church for fifteen months, dismissed in 1787 he united with the Baptist Church in Hampton, Conn., for several months but declined to settle there. He preached for sixteen weeks at Newton and became pastor and was ordained June 18, 1788, where he remained forty-eight and a half years, retiring November 25, 1835. He died December 16, 1836, ae. 79 yrs. 6 mos. at Newton, Mass.

Children:— by first wife.

73. a son, d. May, 1783.

74. a son, d. 1783, six weeks after the elder child.

Children:— by second wife, born in Newton, Mass.

75. JAMES MANNING, b. Dec. 1789; d. Jan. 15, 1790, ae. 23 days.

76. SALLY, b. Feb. 15, 1791; d. about Oct. 1802, ae. 12, Newton.

77. RUTH.

78. FANNY.

79. JOSEPH DANA, b. July 23, 1793.

80. WILLIAM, b. Aug. 17, 1796.

81. HOPE, b. about 1802; d. May 13, 1835, ae. 32.

His grandchildren were living in Roxbury in 1836.

63. LYDIA GRAFTON, date of birth unknown, married November 15, 1778, Robert Carver.

65. GEORGE WOODBRIDGE GRAFTON, born February 23, 1790, baptized January 25, 1791, at St. Peter's Church,

Salem, was unmarried. There appears to be some uncertainty in regard to his death. In Salem Vital Records he is recorded as "master of brig Fawn, (died) at sea, 1826, a. 40 y." In Historical Collections of the Essex Institute, (vol. 40, p. 58) he is recorded as master and with Robert Brookhouse owner of the brig Climax, 153 tons, in 1814, cast away in Madagascar in 1823; also master of the brig Fawn, 168 tons, in 1816, lost in the Feejees August 1830. It is evident from the Salem Ship Registers that, while he had been master and part owner of the Fawn when she is registered in 1824, his name does not appear at her next registry in 1826. Elsewhere it is stated that he joined the East India Marine Society in 1820 and died at Madagascar in 1836. In still another record it is stated that he died at sea and was buried in Patagonia in 1826, ae. 40.

67. ANNE FAUSETTE GRAFTON, born January 15, 1794, baptized July 13, 1794, in St. Peter's Church, Salem, (her middle name is spelled variously Fossett, Fousett, Fousatt, but no such surname is found in the vital records) married September 24, 1815, John Woodbridge, born July 30, 1792, died November 7, 1859, in Boston, son of Joseph and Mary Gilman (Grafton) Fenno, her cousin. He was a merchant in Boston, of the firms of Dana, Fenno and Henshaw and Harnden and Company. Before her marriage she had a school in Salem which she was advertising in March, 1811. She died July 11, 1869, in Lawrence, Mass., and they are both buried in the family tomb in Salem. (Dudley Genealogy.)

Children:— first three born in Salem, FENNO.

ELIZABETH GRAFTON, b. Aug. 12, 1816, bap. Sep. 18, 1816; d. Oct. 6, 1816.

GEORGE GRAFTON, b. May 11, 1820; d. Jan. 12, 1829.

JOHN WOODBRIDGE, b. Dec. 8, 1824; d. about 1840, at sea.

DANA GRAFTON, b. Feb. 5, 1827; d. July 29, 1888; mar. Dec. 16, 1868, Eliza Ann Brooks.

MARY GRAFTON, b. July 10, 1830, living in 1898; mar. Dec. 3, 1850, John Calvin Dow.

68. ELIZABETH WOODBRIDGE GRAFTON, born April 1, 1797, married May 10, 1818, Robert, born about 1795, died June 23, 1825, *ae.* 30, (at sea while master of the ship "Hope") Brookhouse. He had previously married October 11, 1812, Sally Archer, who died before 1818. His father was certainly also Robert Brookhouse, but unless he was that Robert, born 1757, who married 1776, Elizabeth Reeves no marriage of his parents is recorded. The various dates involved make this seem doubtful, but in the Essex Institute Historical Collections for 1861, (vol. 3, p. 179) it is stated that Robert, the son of Robert and Elizabeth (Reeve) Brookhouse, born December 8, 1779 married (1) Martha Farley, (2) Eliza W. Grafton, (3) Mary Follansbee. It also states that he was admitted to the Lodge, June 1, 1802, and Master 1805. It will be noted that this Robert would have been eighteen years older than Elizabeth W. Grafton, while Martha Farley was born in 1783 and Mary Follansbee was born in 1797. Sally Archer was born in 1788. That it was the Robert born in 1795 who died at sea on the "Hope" is proved by his age as given in the record of his death. Altogether this is a decidedly perplexing record upon which very little light can be thrown.

He with his brother-in-law George W. Grafton was an owner of the brig "Climax" 153 tons, in 1814, cast away on Madagascar in 1823 and also, in 1816, of the brig Fawn, 168 tons, lost in the Feejees in August 1830.

Children:— born in Salem, BROOKHOUSE.

ELIZABETH GRAFTON, b. Apl. 11, 1821; mar. Mar. 4, 1840,  
Jonathan C. Perkins.

ROBERT, b. Mar. 23, 1823; mar. Apl. 24, 1845, Anna O. Sutton.

MARY FOLLANSBEE, bap. Aug. 9, 1828, *ae.* about 5 mo.; d.  
Aug. 27, 1828, *ae.* 5 mo.

A clue to the marriages is afforded by the names of the two daughters, the first evidently the daughter of a Grafton mother, the last of a Follansbee.

69. JOSHUA GRAFTON, born June 9, baptized June 14, 1778, North Church, Salem, married June 1, 1803, Eliza Richardson of London, England, born December 31, 1774,



in London. They were married at St. Petersburg, Russia, by the Rev. M. Pitt in the English Chapel. She married after his death in 1806 on Jan. 13, 1812, Oliver Whyte of Dorchester, Mass. Grafton sailed in his ship "Argus" from Salem with his sister Mary, who went to attend the wedding and meet her new sister-in-law. She died March 17, 1871 in Brookline, Mass., aged 97.

My Brother and Sister bid me adieu last eve, intending to depart for the place of your abode, the ensuing week, on a truly delightfull errand, to enjoy the friendship in sweet converse, of one they most dearly love, and to cement their affections still more closely by the bonds of the most divine institution, marriage; at that blest period, imagination will convey me to your dwelling, altho awful distance will prevent the realization of it; that unpleasant obstical (influenced by love, and friendship) I hope you will soon remove; I shall then have the pleasure, of communicating to you verbally, my most ardent wishes for your happiness, and not only so, but evince it, by my solicitude to bestow on you pleasure, whenever it is in my power: in the time which will precede that, I must be content to give epistolary ones, which you sincerely have from all your friends here, Grandmama, Aunts & Cousins, join me in sending my fervent love to you, and ardently wishing, that every anticipated wish of yours may be doubly realized.

Hasten my dear friend the happy time when I may embrace you as a beloved affectionate sister, untill then, may the Almighty God protect you, and cause the waves, to waft you safe to America, which will be supreme joy to us all, in the interim I will remain in the blest expectation of it

Your sincere friend

Miss Eliza Richardson  
St. Petersburg

Susan Grafton (See No. 70).  
Decem<sup>br</sup> the 23 1802

He was a mariner of Boston and his negro boy died in Dorchester in 1809.

He died November 5, 1805 and his estate was admitted to probate in Suffolk County in 1806, (vols. 104/5).

Estate of Joshua Grafton. Owing to the ill state of my





MRS. JOSEPH GRAFTON

From a portrait by Gilbert Stuart in possession of  
Joseph Grafton Minot

health it is my wish that my brother Joseph Grafton may be appointed administrator on the Estate of my late husband Joshua Grafton. Eliza Grafton, Boston, June 23, 1806. He was appointed three days later.

Inventory of the Estate of Joshua Grafton late of Boston, Mariner taken by Nath<sup>l</sup> Greenough, Sam<sup>l</sup> B. Goddard, Tho<sup>s</sup> Clark. Dec. 8, 1806. (Pew in the Gallery of Trinity Church and half a Pew in Salem, but held upon dubious claim here, omitted.) Total \$1342.75.

Child:—

82. JOSHUA CHAPMAN, b. Mar. 9, 1806, Boston; d. Nov. 22, 1888, Chelsea, Mass.

70. SUSANNAH (SUKEY) GRAFTON, baptized March 1780, married in 1812, Captain Henry Clark of Kennebunkport, Me.

Children:— CLARK.

HENRY.

BOWEN.

71. JOSEPH GRAFTON, baptized April 1782 (born May 11, 1781, Stackpole Genealogy) in the North Church, Salem, married February 12, 1817, Ann Maria, born 1800, daughter of Hon. John Ward Gurley and Grace Starfield (Stackpole), First Attorney General of the Territory of Louisiana.

At the age of twelve he entered the counting house of his uncle, Henry Chapman, as an apprentice. Upon the completion of his term he began business for himself and in 1806 was senior partner of Grafton and Appleton, ship chandlers at 33 State Street with a rope walk in Purchase Street. In 1803 he joined the Boston Light Infantry and in 1812 the regular army as Captain of the 21st. Infantry under General Ripley. He was commissioned Major July 26, 1813, having served at the capture of Fort George in May of that year. At the close of the war he became Measurer at the Boston Custom House and in 1842, Surveyor of the Port of Boston. He lived on Carver Street in Boston in 1810.

He died March 24, 1861, his wife having died June 3, 1851.

Children:— born in Boston.

83. HENRY DEARBORN, b. Nov. 12, 1817; d. Apl. 13, 1855. He graduated in the class of 1849 at West Point and was a Captain in the U. S. Army.
84. JOSEPH, b. Sep. 7, 1819; d. March 4, 1900, New York.
85. JOHN GURLEY, b. Feb. 4, 1823; d. Nov. 29, 1895, New York.
86. EDWARD CLARK, b. — 1829; d. Jun. 24, 1876. He graduated in the class of 1848 at Annapolis and was a Commander in the U. S. Navy.
87. CHARLES CHAPMAN, b. Apl. 12, 1830; d. Aug. 30, 1912, Fond du Lac, Wis.
88. MARIA JOSEPHINE, b. Jul. 8, 1830; d. Jul. 12, 1893.
89. JAMES INGERSOL, b. Jun. 16, 1842; d. Mar. 16, 1865, Averysboro, N. C. He graduated in the class of 1862 at Harvard University and as a Captain of the 2nd. Massachusetts Regiment was killed at Averysboro.

72. MARY (POLLY) GRAFTON, born February 10, 1784, baptized that month in the North Church, Salem, probably married August 15, 1804, in Boston, George Washington, born January 8, 1776, died March 17, 1817, ae. 41:2:9, son of Henry and Mary (Newmarch) Prescott of New Castle, N. H. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1795, read law with the Hon. William Prescott of Boston and was Clerk of the U. S. District Court in New Hampshire. He served as Captain under General Harrison and was in the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811.

He died September 14, 1825, ae. 41:7:4.

Children:— PRESCOTT.

BENJAMIN, b. May 28, 1805; d. Dec. 4, 1809.

LYDIA GRAFTON, b. July 16, 1806; mar. Aug. 21, 1830, Stephen Jarvis of New Orleans.

SUSAN GRAFTON, b. Apl. 27, 1808; d. Aug. 31, 1839.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, b. Sep. 1, 1809; d. Oct. 2, 1810.

MARY GRAFTON, b. Jan. 18, 1813; d. Dec. 7, 1860; mar. June 12, 1839, Dr. Henry G. Clark of Boston.

FRANCES LEAR, b. July 9, 1814; d. after 1869.



GEORGE WASHINGTON, b. Jan. 14, 1816; mar. July 25, 1845,  
Rebecca Wilson Sweeney of New York.  
(Prescott Genealogy.)

79. JOSEPH DANA GRAFTON, born July 23, 1793, married June 23, 1816, Harriet Stillman, born November 14, 1795, Boston, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Stillman) Balch. He may have married (2) before 1828 Mary Lewis Elliott.

Child:—

90. FRANCES ELIZA, b. Feb. 5, 1828.

81. HOPE GRAFTON, born about 1802, married (intention) September 29, 1822, Joseph Parker. The marriage was published in the Providence papers, 18-21 October 1822. He was from Baltimore. She died May 13, 1835, ae. 32.

82. JOSHUA CHAPMAN GRAFTON, born March 9, 1806, at Boston, married in 1835, Eliza Ann, born December 30, 1812, at Boston, daughter of — and — Morgan. He was a "Forty Niner" and was connected with the Seaman's Bethel in Boston for many years. He died November 22, 1888, at Chelsea, Mass.

Children:—

91. FRANKLIN WHYTE, b. Aug. 13, 1834; d. Dec. 25, 1914.

92. ELIZABETH RICHARDSON, b. May 30, 1836; d. Apl. 17, 1915.

93. MARY SUSAN, b. Jan. 5, 1840, living in 1927.

84. JOSEPH GRAFTON, born September 7, 1819, married September 19, 1849, Elizabeth, born ——— 1828, daughter of Henry and Catharine (De Peyster) Remsen of New York City. He died March 4, 1900, in New York. She died about 1904-5.

86. EDWARD CLARK GRAFTON, born ——— 1829, in Boston. He was a Midshipman at Annapolis in 1841 and graduated in the class of 184—, Lieutenant September 15, 1855; Lieutenant Commander July 16, 1862; Commander December 20, 1866. He was Flag Officer on

the "Minnesota" when the "Merrimac" tried to raise the blockade in the James River; commanded "Genesee" at Mobile Bay and the "Gettysburg" in 1868. He was retired January 18, 1871.

87. CHARLES CHAPMAN GRAFTON, born April 12, 1830, in Boston. He was a historian and printer of the 1st edition of the Book of Common Prayer. Educated at Boston Latin School, graduating from Harvard Law School in 1853, he was ordained a priest, May 30, 1858. He was founder of the brotherhood of Cowley Fathers, 1872, in Boston, also of other orders. On April 25, 1889, he was consecrated second Bishop of Fond du Lac, Wis., and died there August 30, 1912.

88. MARIA JOSEPHINE GRAFTON, born July 8, 1830 (?1833) in Boston, married January 28, 1857, Charles Henry, born January 11, 1819, son of John and Calla (Smith) Minot. She died July 12, 1893 and he died February 7, 1900.

Children:— MINOT.

JOSEPH GRAFTON, b. Jan. 13, 1858; mar. Jun. 10, 1890, Honora Elizabeth Temple.

GRACE JOSEPHINE, b. Sep. 19, 1859; mar. May 12, 1886, Francis Inman Amory.

CHARLES HENRY, b. Nov. 9, 1862; d. Nov. 30, 1887; graduated at Harvard University, 1886.

90. FRANCES ELIZA GRAFTON, born February 5, 1828, at St. Genevieve, Mo., married October 26, 1846, at Little Rock, Ark., General William Elliott, born August 6, 1823, died August 16, 1868, son of William and Mary Virginia (Squier) Ashley. She was his third cousin and they lived in Little Rock.

Children:— ASHLEY.

CHESTER GRAFTON, b. Aug. 13, 1847; d. Sep. 29, 1876, Houston.

FRANCIS FREEMAN, b. May 29, 1853; d. Sep. 25, 1853.

HARRIET ELIZA, b. Dec. 29, 1856; d. Nov. 1861.

FANNIE, b. Dec. 29, 1856; mar. Mar. 4, 1886, Dr. Clifton Sidney Gray.

91. FRANKLIN WHYTE GRAFTON, born August 13, 1834, at Eliot, Me., married September 26, 1859, Anna Augusta, born November 15, 1838, daughter of M. C. and Anna (Marshall) Craig. He was in the Boston Post Office over fifty years. He served as Ensign and Aide to Admiral David Porter on the Red River Expedition and was honorably discharged June 5, 1865.

Children:—

94. FRANKLIN CRAIG, b. Sep. 7, 1861; d. Apl. 16, 1862.

95. HARRIE GBAIG, b. July 18, 1863, living 1926, Boston.

96. ARTHUR WHYTE, b. Aug. 11, 1871, living 1927.

92. ELIZABETH RICHARDSON GRAFTON, born May 30, 1836, married April 3, 1856, Thomas Hale, and she died April 17, 1915.

Children:— HALE.

SUSAN, b. March 5, 1862; d. June 19, 1920; mar. Feb. 15, 1883, F. Horton Johnson.

FLORENCE, b. Nov. 12, 1870; m. Oct. 22, 1896, Harry A. Small; d. Nov. 17, 1913.

JOSEPHINE, b. Jan. 10, 1874; m. June 26, 1898, George Spalding, living in 1927 in Denver, Col.

CHARLES, b. March 21, 1876; m. July 22, 1900. Living, 1927, in Los Angeles, Calif.

95. HARRIE CRAIG GRAFTON, born July 18, 1863, in Chelsea, Mass., married December 21, 1887, Mary Elizabeth, born September 5, 1864?, daughter of John William and Sarah Kenniston White. He was connected with the Ireland-Grafton Company, shoe manufacturers in Newburyport, Mass. and Dover, N. H., from 1902 to 1925, when he retired. In 1918 he was appointed on the Food Conservation Force, for the East and West, during the World War. He was living in Duxbury, Mass., in 1927.

Child:— born in Roxbury, Mass.

97. HARRY CRAIG, b. July 18, 1889; living 1927, unmarried, in Duxbury, Mass.

96. ARTHUR WHYTE GRAFTON, born August 11, 1871, married (1) Josephine Euphemia, daughter of John and

Hannah Reardon, June 28, 1896; married (2) at Lynn, July 19, 1904, Edith Hughes of Baltimore, Md., dau. of William and Nellie (Weaver) Hughes. No children.

97. HARRY CRAIG GRAFTON, JR., born July 19, 1889, Roxbury, Mass. Attended Public Schools at Dorchester, Mass., Powder Point School and Phillips Andover Academy, 1900-1909. He entered the employ of Lee, Higginson & Co., Boston, 1910. Started in business as Harry C. Grafton, Securities, at 53 State Street, Boston in 1913. Entered World War at Newport, R. I., U. S. N. Base May 1917. Commissioned as Ensign 1918. Appointed Aide to Admiral John R. Edwards 1918. Organized Naval Unit to train to be Naval Officers 250 men at Brown University, Providence, R. I. Served sea duty on Destroyer Breese No. 122. Honorably discharged 1920.

Established GRAFTON COMPANY, Bankers, for Municipal and State Bonds, November 1920.

Commissioned Senior Lieutenant in U. S. N. R. F. March 1927, with Reserve Aviation Squadron, V. F. 11.

## APPENDIX





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### GRAFTON VESSELS.

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| 1641 | Endeavor, ketch—                 | Capt. Joseph Grafton           |
| 1666 | Providence, ketch—(wrecked 1669) |                                |
|      |                                  | Capt. John Grafton             |
| 1670 | Prudence, ketch—                 | Capt. John Grafton             |
| 1673 | Nightingale, ketch—              | Capt. John Grafton             |
| 1679 | Dove, ketch or pink—             | Capt. Nathaniel Grafton        |
| 1679 | John and Elizabeth, schooner—    | Capt. Joseph Grafton           |
| 1682 | Mary and John, ketch—            | Capt. Joseph Grafton           |
| 1682 | Society, ketch—                  | Part owner, Joseph Grafton     |
| 1682 | Sparrow, ketch—                  | Part owner, Joseph Grafton     |
| 1688 | Lark, sloop—                     | Capt. Joseph Grafton           |
| 1698 | Mayflower, sloop—                | Capt. Joseph Grafton           |
| 1742 | Union, brig—                     | Part owner, Joseph Grafton     |
| 1752 | Rebecca, sloop—                  | Capt. Joseph Grafton           |
| 1756 | Prince William,                  | Capt. Joshua Grafton           |
| 1757 | Caesar, schooner—                | Capt. Joshua Grafton           |
| 1759 | Beaver, schooner—                | Capt. Joseph Grafton jr.       |
| 1759 | Wolf, schooner—                  | Capt. Joseph Grafton jr.       |
| 1761 | Apollo, schooner—                | Capt. Joseph Grafton jr.       |
| 1762 | Betsey, schooner—                | Owner, Joseph Grafton          |
| 1763 | Batcheller, sloop—               | Capt. Joseph Grafton jr.       |
| 1775 | Lydia, brigantine, privateer—    | Capt. Joshua Grafton           |
| 1778 | Salisbury, brig, privateer—      | Capt. Joshua Grafton           |
| 1779 | Rhoda—                           | Capt. Joseph Grafton           |
| 1779 | Prosper, ship—                   | Capt. Joseph Grafton           |
| 1779 | Richard, brigantine—             | Capt. Joseph Grafton           |
| 1779 | Saratoga, brigantine—            | Capt. Joshua or Joseph Grafton |
| 1780 | Commerce, sloop, privateer—      | Capt. Joseph Grafton           |
| 1781 | Romulus, brigantine, privateer—  | Capt. Joshua Grafton           |
| 1781 | Live Oak, brig—                  | Capt. Joseph Grafton           |
| 1781 | Lion, brig—                      | Capt. Joshua or Joseph Grafton |
| 1782 | General Galvez, ship, privateer— |                                |
|      |                                  | Capt. Joshua or Joseph Grafton |
| 1783 | Pompey, (later America) ship—    |                                |
|      |                                  | Capt. Joshua or Joseph Grafton |
| 1784 | Africa, brig—                    | Owner, Joshua Grafton          |

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| 1785 | Gambia, brig—                         | Capt. Joshua Grafton              |
| 1787 | Calumet, brig—                        | Owners, Joseph and Joshua Grafton |
| 1790 | St. John, schooner—                   | Capt. Woodbridge Grafton          |
| 1794 | Hannah, schooner—                     | Capt. Woodbridge Grafton          |
| 1795 | Venus, brig, (built at Frye's Mills)— | Capt. Woodbridge Grafton          |
| 1801 | Heart of Oak, ship—                   | Capt. Joshua Grafton jr.          |
| 1802 | Argus, brig—                          | Capt. Joshua Grafton jr.          |
| 1805 | Pandora, brig—                        | Capt. Joshua Grafton jr.          |
| 1814 | Climax, brig—                         | Capt. George W. Grafton jr.       |
| 1816 | Fawn, brig—                           | Capt. George W. Grafton jr.       |

REFERENCES TO THE GRAFTON FAMILY IN  
ENGLAND, 1550-1675.

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- 1546-1553—Richard Grafton was one of the defendants in a suit brought by John van der Noott with reference to forcible entry, assault, and damage to the plaintiff's house in the monastery of Grey Friars by Newgate, London.  
Star Chamber, Edwd. VI., 1/83.
- 1552—Oct. 4—Martyn Grafton buried at Christ Church, Newgate Street, London.
- 1553-1558—Ralph Grafton brought an action against William Wall with reference to dower.  
Worcestershire is mentioned.  
Court of Requests, 25/137.
- 1558-9—January 17—Rychard Tattyll and Joone Grafton married at Christ Church, Newgate Street, London.
- 1558-1602—Thomas Harrison versus Richard Grafton and Edward Acheley, re bonds.  
Court of Requests, 27/93.
- 1558-1602—William Huntte versus Giles Fraunces and Elizabeth his wife, re money due to James Grafton, deceased. Middlesex is mentioned.  
Court of Requests, 38/72.
- 1558-1602—Richard Grafton versus John and Lawrence Englebert, re bonds, leases, etc., in Lawrenny, Begelly, and Wiston, Pembrokeshire.  
Court of Requests, 129/36.
- 1559—December 1—Mrs. Grafton, widow, was buried at St. Michael's, Cornhill, London.
- 1560-1—Robert Grafton—Town Depositions, Bdl. 51—D.
- 1560-1—Robert Grafton and Anne Bucocke married 5th Feb. at Christ Church, Newgate Street, London.
- 1561—John Grafton—Town Depositions, Bdl. 53—P.
- 1561—John Grafton, of Wolston Wade, Cheshire, yeoman, aged 48, gave evidence.  
Chan. Deps., Eliz./Chas. I., E. 14/14.
- 1561-2—January 5—Rychard Grafton and Alys Ollyfe married at Christ Church, Newgate Street, London.
- 1566-7—Richard Grafton—Town Depositions, Bdl. 76—C.
- 1567—September 20—Nycholas son of Rychard Grafton baptized at Christ Church, Newgate Street, London.

- 1568—Robert Grafton taxed 5/- on £6 in goods under Grun-  
disburgh, Suffolk.
- 1568—Richard Grafton, of Sarum, Wilts., clothier, aged 40,  
gave evidence.  
Chan. Deps., Eliz./Chas. I., S. 28/12.
- 1569—December 16—Agnes, daughter of Hugh Grafton,  
baptized at St. James, Clerkenwell, Middlesex.
- 1569-70—January 31—Agnes, daughter of Hugh Grafton,  
buried at St. James, Clerkenwell, Middlesex.
- 1570—May 22—Robert Hurleston, of St. Dunstan in the  
West, and Jane Grafton alias Venables, of St. Bot-  
olph, Aldersgate, London, had a general marriage  
license from the Bishop of London.
- 1570—September 19—Hewgh Grafton, householder, was  
buried at St. James, Clerkenwell, Middlesex.
- 1570—September 22—Henry, son of John Grafton, was  
buried at St. James, Clerkenwell, Middlesex.
- 1572—Richard Grafton—Town Depositions, Bdl. 101—W.
- 1572—Will of John Grafton, of Hardwick, Gloucs., proved.  
P. C. C., 29 Daper.
- 1573—Will of John Grafton, of Hounslow, Middx., proved.  
P. C. C., 40 Peter.
- 1575—May 14—Rychard Grafton was buried at Christ  
Church, Newgate Street, London.
- 1576—August 29—Edmund Grafton, who died of the plague,  
was buried at St. Margaret's, Westminster.
- 1579—William Grafton—Town Depositions, Bdl. 135—S.
- 1579-1587—Stephen Crosse versus Roger Grafton, re recov-  
ery of pieces of gold.  
Middlesex mentioned.  
Chan. Pro., Series II., 207/72.
- 1579-1587—Walter Leveson versus Ralph Grafton, re deanery  
or manor of Wolverhampton, Staffs.  
Chan. Pro., Series II., 213/15.
- 1579-1587—John Moody versus Robert Grafton, re lands,  
etc., (not specified) in Wilts.  
Chan. Pro., Series II., 214/30.
- 1581—Edward Grafton—Town Depositions, Bdl. 150—H.
- 1582-3—January 31—Richard Grafton, of St. Anne & Agnes,  
Aldersgate, grocer, and Ellen Sowle, spinster of the  
same, had a licence from the Bishop of London to  
marry at St. Mary Matfellow.



- 1583—May 1—Roger Grafton, of St. Laurence, Old Jewry, haberdasher, and Anne Wood, spinster, of the same, (daughter of William Wood, of the said City, merchant, deceased), had a licence from the Bishop of London to marry at St. Edmund's, Lombard Street.
- 1585—April 4—Richard Grafton, son of Roger, baptized at St. Mary le Bowe, London.
- 1585—Ri: Grafton, of Middle Temple, esquire, aged 45, gave evidence in Chancery suit Sir Robert Woode, knt., versus John Chethin, senior, and John Chethin, junior. Town Depositions, Bdl. 181—W.
- 1585—Will of John "Grafton", citizen and fishmonger of London, of St. Nicholas Olave's, London, native of Twickenham, Middx., proved.  
Examined this and found it to be "Craffton" not "Grafton."  
P. C. C., 5 Windsor.
- 1585-6—Undated, either 1584-5 or 1585-6.  
Richard Grafton, of Middle Temple, esquire, aged 45 or thereabouts, gave evidence in Chancery suit John Chetham, senior, and John Chetham, junior, versus Sir Robert Wood, knight, and other defendants.  
Town Depositions, Bdl. 182—C.
- 1586-7—Margett Grafton, daughter of Roger, baptized 22nd January at St. Mary le Bowe, London.
- 1587-91—Mutilated. Date gone. Addressed to Sir Christopher Hatton, knight, as Chancellor, therefore between 1587 and 1591. Nicholas Fowntayne, of Ivingho, Bucks., yeoman, versus William Grafton and Mary his wife, John Penred and Elizabeth his wife, Richard Hurlestone, Henry Parmyter, and Robert Cox.  
William Grafton's wife Mary was the daughter of John Butlar, of Dunstable, now decd., by Elizabeth his wife, who is now married to John Penred, of the same place.  
Suit refers to property in Bucks. and Beds. belonging to the said John Butlar.  
Chan. Pro., Series II., 224/74.
- 1588—October 6—Elizabeth Grafton, daughter of Roger, baptized at St. Mary le Bowe, London.
- 1588—October 12—Elizabeth Grafton, daughter of Roger, buried at St. Mary le Bowe, London.

- 1589—John Grafton, of London, one of the sergeants-of-the-Mace to Mr. Sheriff Saltonstall, aged over 60 years, gave evidence in Chancery suit John Giffarde, esquire, versus Henry Campeon, administrator of John Gyfforde, decd., that he arrested Gerard Gyfforde in November last.  
Town Depositions, Bdl. 208—G.
- 1589—October 19—Mathy Grafton, son of Roger, baptized at St. Mary le Bowe, London.
- 1590—April 29—John Appleton, of St. Giles in the Fields, Middx., husbandman, and Susan Grafton, spinster, of the same, (daughter of John Grafton, late of Hounslow, Middx., yeoman, deceased), had a general licence to marry from the Bishop of London.
- 1590—Will of James Grafton, citizen and fishmonger of London, of St. Dunstan's in the East, London, dated 18 November 1589, proved 21 May 1590. Legacies to daughters Margaret Grafton, Elizabeth Grafton, and Frisewith Grafton, sister Alice Addis, brothers Richard Grafton, Roger Grafton, and John Grafton, wife Frisewicke. Other surnames mentioned:—Hardware, Hunt, Bower. Wife and her uncle Thomas Hunte to be executors. Roger Grafton is one of the witnesses. Widow proves will. P. C. C., 32 Drury.
- 1591—May 30—Anne Grafton, daughter of Roger, baptized at St. Mary le Bowe, London.
- 1592—July 15—Nicholas Grafton and Mary Martin married at St. James, Clerkenwell, Middx.
- 1592—July 2—Thomas Grafton, son of Roger, baptized at St. Mary le Bowe, London.
- 1592-3—March 10—Anne Grafton, daughter of Roger, buried at St. Mary le Bowe, London.
- 1593—October 28—Roger Grafton buried at St. Mary le Bowe, London.
- 1593—October 1—Michael Grafton, son of Roger, baptized at St. Mary le Bowe, London.
- 1593—Will of Roger Grafton, citizen and haberdasher of London, of St. Mary Bow, dated 24th October 1593, proved 30th October 1593. Legacies to the four sons (Randall, Thomas, William, and Raphe) of deceased brother Randall Grafton, cousin Hugh Grafton, brother William Grafton, my four children Richard, Margaret, Matthee, and Thomas, cousin Randall Graf-

ton of Romford, my sister, my mother-in-law Webb, my wife. Various relations in law, connections and servants of the surnames Fluellen, Sherratt, Wilson, Alkington, Harward, White, Randall, Slacke. Joane Dod "my wife's nurse and keeper." Wife to be executrix. Brother William and brother-in-law Hugh Sherratt to be the overseers. Witness: Matthew Parris. Widow (not named) proved the will.  
P. C. C., 70 Nevell.

- 1594—Will of William Grafton, citizen and haberdasher of London, of St. Matthew's Friday Street, London, and Acton, Middx., dated 1st April 1594, proved 11th April 1594. Legacies to sister Anne Grafton, sister Wilson, sister Morgan, sister Mynshall, the four sons of my brother Randall, decd., my godson Thomas Grafton, cousin Richard Grafton, (the eldest son of my sister Anne), Mathey, Margaret and Thomas Grafton, (the three children of my sister Anne Grafton), cousin Hugh Grafton. Various relations in law, cousins, friends, etc., of the surnames Sherratt, Parrott, Sparke, Massye, Harwar, Tye, White, Bennion, Tayler, Constantyne, Alkington, Phillippes, Dod, Owen, Mussage, Parris, Ellcocke, Walter, Crewes. Cousin Richard and his sister. Executors: Richard Harwar, Hugh Grafton, Randall Thorley, and Daniel Alkington.

P. C. C., 29 Dixy.

- 1594—April 2—Thomas Boothby and An Grafton married at St. Antholin, London.
- 1594—April 2—William Grafton buried at St. Mary le Bowe, London.
- 1594—December 1—William Grafton and Frances Lyon, of this parish, married at St. Mary Woolnoth.
- 1595—Roger Grafton, of the Nash, Herefordshire, gent., aged 48 or thereabouts, gave evidence in the Chancery suit Alice Brown, of London, widow, versus Katherine Hewson, late wife of Foulke Heath.  
Thomas Weeks, late of Lincoln's Inn, esquire, decd., was master to this deponent in 1574.  
Town Depositions, Bdl. 246—B.
- 1596—Will of William Grafton, of Snoddington in the parish of Shepton, Hants., yeoman, dated 28th May 1586, proved 10th January 1595-6. Brother Thomas Graf-

ton to be executor. Brother John Grafton *senior*. Edward Grafton, son of brother John Grafton *junior*. John Collyns, my sister's son. Susan Milles, my sister's daughter. Brother Richard Grafton. My own sister Katherine ("Grafton" deleted). Children (minors) of brother John junior. My wife Katherine. Boy Richard Biddell. Overseers:—Francis Vaughan, gent., and Thomas Eyre, merchant, both of New Sarum, Wilts. Testator lately lived in Castle Street, New Sarum. Had property in New Sarum. Witnesses:—Francis Vaughan, John Puxton, and John Small. Said executor proved will.  
P. C. C., 27 Drake.

1596—July 7—Frances wife of (blank) Grafton, grocer, buried at St. Mary Woolnoth, London.

(He was William Grafton—see their marriage above under date 1 December 1594).

1596-1616—21st June 1607. Richard and William Punter, of Dunstable, Beds., yeomen, versus William Grafton and Hercules Grafton. William Grafton is an attorney in the Court of Common Pleas at Westminster and Hercules (aged about 14) is his son. Ambrose Punter who died about 6 or 7 years ago left a will in which he appointed as his executors the said Hercules Grafton and Elizabeth Grafton (sister of Hercules), but they were minors at his death.  
Chan. Pro., Series II., 284/72.

1597—June 26—Elizabeth Grafton, daughter of Thomas, baptized at St. Michael, Cornhill, London.

1597—July 5—Edye Grafton, wife of Thomas, buried at St. Michael, Cornhill, London.

1599—Francis Grafton, of Amwell, Herts., husbandman, aged 30 or thereabouts, gave evidence in the Chancery suit Ralph Conyngesby, esquire, Christopher West, and others, versus John Askew.

This deponent was servant to Edward Meade, of Ware, Herts., gent., about 5 or 6 years ago.

Town Depositions, Bdl. 270—C.

1600—Thomas Grafton, of New Sarum, Wilts., clothier, aged 60 or thereabouts, gave evidence in the Chancery suit Thomas Grafton (coming in upon a contempt for the breach of an order in sundry points at the suit of) the defendants John Roberts and others.

The suit appears to have been about a will as the said defendant John Roberts on 30th December last past offered to seal a release to this deponent (who is now the plaintiff) for his discharge of a legacy given to one Catherine Grafton, now wife of the said Roberts. The same afternoon there were about 6 or 8 persons with the said Roberts at the plaintiff's house and one Toppe did pull away from this deponent's wife by force and strong hand £40.

Town Depositions, Bdl. 280—G.

- 1601—John Grafton, of Hownslow, Middx., innholder, aged 36 or thereabouts, gave evidence in an Exchequer action brought by George Wilkyns, gent., and Raph Constable against Gedeon Awnsham, gent., and Thomas Smith.

Refers to some land near Hownslow Heath previously in the occupation of John Grafton, this deponent's father, jointly with John Goodchilde about 25 years ago.

Exch: Deps.: 43 Eliz., Trin. 2.

- 1602—William Grafton, of Clifford's Inn near St. Dunstan's in Fleet Street, London, gent., aged 44 or thereabouts, twice gave evidence (May and June, 1601, not 1602) in the Chancery suit George Poole, gent., versus Raphe Hockenhull, esquire. Money dispute.

Town Depositions, Bdl. 295—P, and Bdl. 297—H.

- 1609—October 8—Nicholas Trewe and Precilla Grafton married at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

- 1610—William Grafton, of Clifford's Inn, Fleet Street, London, gent., aged 55 or thereabouts, gave evidence (1611, not 1610) in the Chancery suit Humfrey Hurlestone, gent., versus John Hone, Doctor of Laws.

Town Depositions, Bdl. 362—H.

- 1611—William Grafton, of Clifford's Inn, Fleet Street, London, gent., aged 55 or thereabouts, gave evidence in the Chancery suit John Sparke and Anne his wife versus Otho Mawdyt, Richard Mawdyt, and William Woodward, gent.

This deponent knows the Church of St. John the Baptist and various properties in Chester.

Town Depositions, Bdl. 373—S.



- 1614—William Grafton, of London, gent., aged 55 or thereabouts, gave evidence in the Chancery suit Joane Dawtry, widow, versus John Robinson. Town Depositions, Bdl. 409—D.
- 1615—Will of Humfrey Grafton, of Yoorton, Broughton, Shropshire, yeoman, dated 11th July 1615, proved 30th September 1615. To be buried in Shaburye churchyard. Sons Robert Grafton and John Grafton. Daughters Margaret Jefferyes, Jane Bartlam, Alice Bertche, and Elizabeth. Wife Johane. Richard Jefferyes, son of Thomas Jefferyes. Executors:—wife Johane and son John. Witnesses:—James Wycherlee and Richard Mose. Proved by said executors. P. C. C., 81 Rudd.
- 1615—John Grafton, of Carewe, Pembrokeshire, gent., aged 28, gave evidence in the Exchequer action Sir Francis Bacon, knight, the Attorney-General, versus Sir John Carew, knight. Exch. Deps: 13 James I., Mich. 31.
- 1617—The will of Robert Robinson, of Springfield, Essex, yeoman, dated 1617, mentions cousin William Grafton, a trumpeter, and his son, my godchild, a minor. P. C. C., 30 Soame.
- 1617—Will of John Grafton, of Hope, Thornbury, Gloucs., dated 9th July 1613, proved 21st June 1617. Brother-in-law Thomas Burton (or Bruton) and his daughter Marie Bruton and his son John Bruton. Mother Alice Grafton. Thomas Prige. Brother William Grafton. Sister Anne Bruton to be executrix. Overseers:—uncle Richard Orchard, of Littlello, and Thomas Dinnerye, of Alistone. Witnesses:—Thomas Wyse and Mary Hunte. Proved by Anne Burton. P. C. C., 59 Weldon.
- 1618—October 6—Stephen White, of Ratcliffe, mariner, and Sarae Grafton, maid, married at St. Dunstan's, Stepney.
- 1619—Will of Thomas Grafton, the elder, of New Sarum, Wilts., gent., dated 20th November 1619. Mentions Cathedral of Sarum; Church of St. Edmund's, New Sarum, and the poor of the city; hospital of the Trinity, New Sarum; my four daughters Katherine, Margaret, Alice and Margery; Gartrud Tite (under

21), daughter of my daughter Alice Tite; Thomas (under 24), son of my son Thomas Grafton; son-in-law William Howse and his son William Howse; my wife Margaret; executor my son Thomas; Michael Mackerell the elder; Overseers:—son-in-law William Howse and Edmund Burge. Testator's mark is witnessed by Edmund Burges, Nicholas Meryvale, Michael Mackerell. Proved 13th March 1619-20.

P. C. C., 25 Soame.

1619-20—Will of William Smyth, of Wells, Somerset, cloth-worker, dated 19th March 1619-20, mentions children of brother-in-law John Grafton; Mary Grafton.

P. C. C., 45 Soame.

1619—June 24—William Jorden, of Rumford, Essex, gent., and Margaret Grafton, (daughter of John Grafton, of Rumford aforesaid, yeoman, deceased), married by license at St. Michael, Cornhill, London.

1620. Thomas Grafton, of St. Antolyne's, London, merchant, aged 28 or thereabouts, gave evidence in the Chancery suit William Wych versus Thomas Smethwicke.

In 1615 this deponent was in Spain.

Town Depositions, Bdl. 471—S.

1623—Will of William Grafton, of Calverhall, Shropshire, husbandman, dated 25th July 1621, proved 16th May 1623. Son Richard Grafton. Executors:—William Warren and Robert Pace. Grandchild John Grafton son of the said Richard. Richard, William, and George Grafton. Witnesses:—Abel Trym, John Overton, William Morrice. Proved by said executors.

P. C. C., 47 Swann.

1623—September 8—Joseph Clarke, servant to Mr. Grafton, upholsterer, buried at St. Michael, Cornhill, London.

1624—October 28—Mary, daughter of Raphe Grafton and Charity his wife, baptized at St. Michael, Cornhill, London.

1625—October 18—Thomas Grafton buried at St. Benet, Paul's Wharf, London.

1626—August 3—A crism of Raphe and Charity Grafton's buried at St. Michael, Cornhill, London.

1627—October 4—Sarah, daughter of Raphe Grafton and Charity his wife, baptized at St. Michael, Cornhill, London.

- 1628—Will of Robert Grafton, Cook's mate in the "Charles," who died beyond the seas, dated 30th October 1625, proved 4th January 1627-8.  
 To Robert Smith, grocer, dwelling at the East end of Lumberstreet, London, 40/-.  
*To William Gardner dwelling at the George in Lumberstreet 10/-.*  
 Other small legacies to various shipmates of the surnames Coaker, Danford, Crowe, Fowler, Fearne, Skerritt, and Reade.  
 John Coaker to be overseer.  
 Witnesses:—Richard Langford, Robert French, and John Coacher.  
 Administration with the will annexed granted to Robert Smith, principal legatee.  
 P. C. C., 6 Barrington.
- 1629.—William Grafton, of Temby, Pembrokeshire, gent., aged 27 or thereabouts, gave evidence in the Exchequer action John Lougher, esquire, versus John Gwyther, Elizabeth Gwyther, and Owen Phillipps.  
 The defendant John Gwyther has been a Recusant ever since this deponent came into the country about six years ago.  
 Exch: Deps: 5 Chas. I., East. 3.
- 1629.—John Grafton, of Carew, Pembrokeshire, gent., aged 40 or thereabouts, gave evidence in the Exchequer action John Lougher, esquire, versus John Gwyther, Elizabeth Gwyther, and Owen Phillipps.  
 This deponent is a friend of the defendant John Gwyther, Exch: Deps: 5 Chas. I., Mich. 5.
- 1629—Thomas Grafton, lodging at Foxe's Ordinary in St. Nicholas Lane, London, merchant, aged 36 or thereabouts, on 24th April 1629 gave evidence in the Chancery suit Henry Michell versus Thomas Hill. He mentions meeting the said Thomas Hill at Malley in Spain.  
 Town Depositions, Bdl. 553—H.
- 1629—Thomas Grafton, lodging at St. Nicholas Lane, London, at Foxe's Ordinary, merchant, aged 35 or thereabouts, on 8th May 1629 gave evidence in the Chancery suit James Traves versus Anthony Paule and others.  
 He mentions trade with Spain.  
 Town Depositions, Bdl. 553—P.

- 1630—Will of Thomas Grafton, of Halmer in the parish of Barkley, Glouces., but who died at Redcliffe in or near Bristol, dated 15th February 1626, proved 15th April 1630. Daughter Marie. Sons Thomas and Josias. Wife Anne to be executrix. Property in Ireott and Alveston. Overseers:— Thomas Smith, of Wicke, and John Turner, junior, of Wicks Elme. Witnesses:— Thomas Smith and William Bower. Proved by the said executrix now the wife of John Winston.  
P. C. C., 30 Scroope.
- 1630—April 19—Richard Rennallds, of London, gent., (exor. of his brother Symon Renallds, deceased), versus Thomas Grafton, of London, merchant. Thomas Grafton, the defendant, lived with the said Symon Rennallds at Seville in Spain.  
Chan. Pro., Chas. I., R. 12/58.
- 1630-1—March 2—Martha, daughter of Raphe Grafton and Charity, baptized at St. Michael, Cornhill, London.
- 1633—December 17—Samyouell Grafton, son of Raphe Grafton and Charity, baptized at St. Michael, Cornhill, London.
- 1633—John Grafton, of Carew, Pembrokeshire, gent., aged forty and ——— (indistinct), gave evidence in the Exchequer action Sir John Carewe, knight, and others, versus Sir Richard Phillips, bart.  
Exch: Deps: 9 Chas. I., East. 3.
- 1633—Will of John Grafton, of Lapworth, Warwickshire, yeoman, dated 28th March 1632, proved 24th June 1633. To be buried in Lapworth churchyard. Wife Alice. Son Andrew Grafton. John Grafton, son of Andrew Grafton my eldest son. Youngest son William Grafton. Elizabeth Webster, my sister Moulton's daughter. John and William Cator, my sister's sons. The children of my brother William Grafton. Anne Moulton, daughter of Richard Moulton, and her eldest daughter. My daughter, Oliver Dolton's wife. Marie Dolton, daughter of the said Oliver. Maid Joyse Clarke. All godchildren now living. Francis Moulton's daughter. Property in Warwick. Wife to be executrix. Overseers:—My eldest son Andrew Grafton and Robert Clarke. Wit-

nesses:—Robert Clarke and William Wells. Proved by said executrix.

P. C. C., 56 Russell.

- 1634—Thomas Grafton, of St. Mildred, Bread Street, London, victualer, aged 32 or thereabouts, gave evidence in the Chancery suit Walter Comber and Helen his wife versus William Howse and Margaret his wife and Walter Spencer.

Town Depositions, Bdl. 600—C.

- 1634—On 20th November 1634 Thomas Grafton, of Crechurch, London, merchant, aged 40 or thereabouts, gave evidence in the Chancery suit Richard and Walter Boothbye and Matthew Beadle (executors of Thomas Boothbye) versus Richard Reignolds (executor of Richard Reignolds who was executor of Simon Reignolds).

Deponent was in "Sivell" in 1625.

Town Depositions, Bdl. 600—B.

On 30th January 1634-5 Thomas Grafton, dwelling in Burchinglane near the Old Exchange, London, merchant, aged 40 or thereabouts, gave evidence in the same Chancery suit.

In 1625 he lived in a house in "Sivill," Spain, with Thomas Pitt and the said Simon Reynolds.

Town Depositions, Bdl. 602—R.

- 1636-7—Oliver Dalton, of Henley in Arden, Warwickshire, gent., by his will dated 31st August 1636 leaves legacies to his godsons Oliver Grafton and Andrew Grafton, mother Alice Grafton, brother-in-law Andrew Grafton and his wife. As executors he appoints the said brother-in-law Andrew Grafton and Edward Toohey, of London, gent. They both renounced and administration with the will annexed was granted 20th February 1636-7 to Margaret Kempson alias Dalton, the testator's widow.

P. C. C., 33 Goare.

- 1638—Will of William Grafton, of Ratcliffe, Middx., mariner, who died abroad, dated 3rd March 1633, proved 21st August 1638. Will made because he is starting for a voyage to the East Indies on the "Blissinge." To my sister Dorothy Grafton 30/- and the residue to my wife Thomazine Grafton who is to be sole executrix.



Witnesses:—William Paramore and Walter Squire.  
Proved by the widow.

P. C. C., 94 Lee.

- 1638—Will of Thomas Grafton, of the parish of St. Edmund, Lombard Street, London, merchant, dated 20th December 1638, proved 29th December 1638. Legacies to three sisters Harryson, Style, and Flyer (at the discretion of his brother Aleran Harrison and brother Flyer). Niece Anne Livesey. Brother Richard Grafton. Landlord Slaughter. Mrs. Sherburne. Servants. Executor:—Brother Richard Grafton. Overseers:—Said brothers Harrison and Flyer. Witnesses:—Gilbert Harrison, Francis Flyer, Robert Slater, and John Spiller. Proved by said executor.

P. C. C., 180 Lee.

- 1638—Richard Grafton, of Alberry, Surrey, gent., aged 54 or thereabouts, gave evidence in the Chancery suit Robert Boothby versus Robert Lee, Edward Lee, and Thomas Messaunt. In September 1625 he wrote a memorandum for Thomas Boothby now dead.

Town Depositions, Bdl. 637—B.

- 1639—Richard Grafton, of Sheer, Surrey, gent., aged 54 or thereabouts, gave evidence in the Chancery suit Robert Boothbye versus Robert Leigh and Edward Leigh. He was present as a deponent at the first of three trials brought by the now plaintiff against the now defendant, of which this present is the third. He was not present at the second.

Town Depositions, Bdl. 641—L.

- 1640—Andrew Grafton, of Preston Baggott, Warwickshire, gent., aged 40 or thereabouts, gave evidence at Henley in Arden, Warwickshire, in the Chancery suit William Kempson and his wife and others versus William Fortescue, esquire. He states that he lent the defendant £40

Chan. Deps., Eliz./Chas. I., K. 7/17.

- 1641—Thomas Grafton, of St. Mary Magdalen, Old Fish Street, London, innholder, aged 39 years or thereabouts, gave evidence in the Chancery suit Sarah and Mary Wall, spinsters (by Hugh Bowyer their guardian), versus William Saunders, John Tomlyns, and Thomas Cater.

Town Depositions, Bdl. 670—W.

- 1644—Thomas Grafton, of St. Mary Magdalen, Old Fish Street, London, innholder, aged 42 years and over, gave evidence in the Chancery suit Richard Griffin and Edward Godbed versus Thomas Stollard and Mary his wife.

This deponent is tenant of a messuage called The King's Head in the Old Change at the yearly rent of £50.

Town Depositions, Bdl. 685—G.

- 1644-5—March 21—Christopher Grafton, of Knockfergus, silk-weaver, and Anne Blisse, widow, married at St. Dunstan's, Stepney.

- 1647—May 8—William Grafton and Alyce Skinner married at St. James, Clerkenwell, Middx.

- 1650—November 12—Elizabeth Elly, of Warwick, Warwks., (widow of John Elly, clerk), versus Andrew Grafton and John Winnall.

Andrew Grafton, of Preston, Warwks., living near Henley, Warwks., (where plaintiff's late husband then dwelt), and "being cunning subtle and an old gamester" persuaded plaintiff's husband to play with him and cheated him accordingly.

Chan. Pro., Chas. I., E. 2/58.

- 1650—September 15—Elizabeth, daughter of William Grafton, baptized at St. James, Clerkenwell, Middx.

- 1650-1—January 6—Ralph Grafton, bachelor, of St. Sepulchre's, married Elizabeth Lovejoy, virgin, of Madlene's, Milk Street, at St. Mary Aldermary, London.

- 1651—Will of Thomas Grafton, of Allveston, Gloucestershire, dated 9th September 1600 (?), proved 25th July 1651. Eldest son Thomas Grafton. Next eldest son John Grafton. Son William Grafton. "*Said* sons William Grafton and *Edward* Grafton." Three daughters Margery Grafton, Mary Grafton, and Anne Grafton. *Said* children's grandfather Thomas Orchard and uncle William Orchard. Wife Alice Grafton to be executrix. Overseers:—Richard Orchard, Edward Champnies, of Littleton on Severne, and Thomas Dynerie, of Allveston. Administration with the will annexed granted to the grandchild Thomas Grafton as Alice, the widow, died without proving the will. P. C. C., 143 Grey.

- 1651-2—Will of John Grafton, of Claverdon, Warwickshire, husbandman, dated 1st October 1651, proved 23rd February 1651-2. Son-in-law Edward Winters and my daughter Elianor his wife and their three children. Richard Howes son of Jane Esill. Daughter Rebecca wife of Edward Fawkes and their children. No witnesses. Administration with the will annexed granted to Edward and Rebecca Fawkes.  
P. C. C., 30 Bowyer.
- 1652—November 17—Mary, daughter of William Grafton and Avis, baptized at St. James, Clerkenwell, Middx.
- 1654—Will of William Grafton, of Romford, Hornchurch, Essex, barber-chirurgian, dated 4th October 1654, proved 20th October 1654. Sister Elizabeth Grafton. Late father William Grafton. Late mother. Brother John Grafton. Sister Margaret. Sister Anne Pond. Jane Humphries. Brother Robert Pond, of North Ockendon, yeoman, to be executor. Lands at Upminster and Coxey Green. Inn called "The Sun." Witnesses:—Robert Grafton, Robert Leech, and Elizabeth Foster. Proved by executor.  
P. C. C., 235 Alchin.
- 1654—Will of William Grafton, of Romford, Essex, butcher, dated 21st September 1652, proved 5th June 1654. Owns an inn by the name of the "Sun" lately built by him in Romford and now in the occupation of John Jeffitson. Wife Anne Grafton to be sole executrix. Daughter Anne Pond wife of Robert Pond. Daughter Margaret (minor and single). Daughter Elizabeth (minor and single). Grandchild (unborn child of Anne Pond). Son William Grafton. Younger son John Grafton. Lands at Upminster and Croxty Green. Oversers:—William Armsteede and John Willis senior. Witnesses:—William Armsteede, John Pike, and Abr. Herde. Proved by the widow.  
P. C. C., 65 Alchin.
- 1655-6—March 23—Sara, daughter of William Grafton and Avis, baptized at St. James, Clerkenwell, Middx., (born the same day).
- 1657—The will of Robert Leered, of Amersham, Bucks., cordwainer, dated 1657, was witnessed by Francis Grafton.  
P. C. C., 222 Wootton.

- 1657—The will of Frances Cooke, of St. George's, Southwark, widow, names her sister Marie Grafton. (Dated 1657).  
P. C. C., 201 Wootton.
- 1657—The will of Margery Parker, of Newland in the parish of Sallarpe, Worcs., widow, dated 1657, names Thomas Grafton and his wife.  
P. C. C., 203 Wootton.
- 1657—The will of John Purnell, of Cowley, Gloucs., fuller, dated 1657, names his sister Elizabeth, wife of Henry Grafton.  
P. C. C., 46 Wootton.
- 1657—August 15—Sarah, daughter of William Grafton, was buried at St. James, Clerkenwell, Middx.
- 1657—The will of Roger Grafton, of Withington, Herefordshire, yeoman. Dated 5th January 1657. Legacy to poor of Pencombe, Wythington, Suttons parishes and Felton and to the repair of the bells of Wythington. Thomas Allcott the elder. William King. Rowland Richards. John Bowen the elder. John Bowen the younger. John Cooke of Preston. Marie Philpotts daughter of Richard Philpotts of Preston. John Harper. Roger Morgan of Winslowe. William son of John Grafton deceased. Thomas and William, two of the sons of Samuel Smith of Pencombe. Elizabeth Smith and Anne Smith, the two daughters of the said Samuel Smith. Anne Spencer servant unto Elizabeth Farmer of Preston widow. The said Samuel Smith executor. Friend James Pitt overseer. Testator's mark is witnessed by Hugh Spencer, James Pitt, and the mark of Margaret Cooke. Proved 2nd March 1657-8. Probate Act, page 97, describes testator deceased as of Preston Wyn in the parish of Wythington.  
P. C. C., 203 Wootton.
- 1657—Grace Grafton, (wife of William Grafton, of Rowde, Wilts., carpenter), aged 40 years and over, gave evidence in the Chancery suit Maude Still (widow and executrix of Gabriel Still, of Market Lavington, Wilts.), Thomas Still and Gabriel Still (sons of the said Gabriel and Maud), versus John Worsedale senior, John George alias Edwards senior, Hester Hitchcocke, Anne Strawbridge, Mary Hitchcocke, John Mayo,

Nicholas Worsedale, and John George alias Edwards junior.

This deponent lived as a servant with one Andrew Sparrow for six years.

Town Depositions, Bdl. 817—S.

1662—August 30—William Poole, of St. Olave, Hart Street, London, widower, aged about 36, and Elizabeth Grafton, of St. Dunstan's in the East, spinster, aged about 24, at her own disposal, her parents dead, obtained a licence from the Vicar General to marry at Allhallows in the Wall, St. Dunstan's or St. Clave's.

1662—August 23 (sic, seven days before above licence)—William Poole and Elizabeth Grafton were married at Allhallows in the Wall.

1663-4—March 1—Mr. Peter Causton, of St. Thomas Apostle, London, merchant, and Mrs. Martha Grafton, spinster, of the parish of St. Stephen, Coleman Street, married at St. Mary Woolchurch Haw.

1666—July 31—Joseph West and Alice Grafton married at St. James, Duke's Place, Aldgate.

1666—Robert Grafton, of Romford, Essex, grazier, aged 40 years and over, gave evidence in the Chancery suit Oliver Sarcen of Stepney, Middx., butcher, versus Richard Radley.

He is three times mentioned as "Crafton" but signs clearly "Grafton."

Town Depositions, Bdl. 912—S.

1667—September 10—Samuell Grafton, husband of Ane Grafton, buried at St. James, Clerkenwell, Middx.

1668—Robert Grafton, of Rumford, Essex, grazier, aged 48 years or thereabouts, gave evidence in 1669 (not 1668) in the Chancery suit John Abell versus William Comyns and John Comyns.

Town Depositions, Bdl. 937—C.

1671-2—March 4—Ralph Grafton, widower, and Alice Lewis, widow, obtained a marriage licence from the Dean & Chapter of Westminster.

1675—James Camper and William Camper, infants, (by Thomas Gilman, of Rumford, Essex, mercer), versus Robert Grafton, of Rumford, Essex, grasier, and Robert Meadows. The defendants were trustees of certain money left to the plaintiffs by their father James Camper, senior, deceased.

Chan. Pro., Bridges 458/49.



1675—June 11—Avis Graftton, widow, a pensioner, buried at St. James, Clerkenwell, Middx.

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In Lewys Dwnn's Visitation of Wales, Vol. I., p. 119, there is a Grafton pedigree. Without a knowledge of Welsh this is somewhat difficult to follow, but we think its meaning is:—

Adam Grafton, of Shrewsbury, married and had issue two sons:—

1....Nicholas, of whom below.

2....George, who married and had issue:—

1....George, who married Ellen, daughter of Harry Bacon, gent., and had issue:—

1....Captain William Grafton, 1597.

Nicholas Grafton, son of the above Adam, married and had issue:—

Richard Grafton, esquire, who made the Chronicle of all England. He married Annes Krem, of Salisbury, and had issue:—

1....Robert Grafton.

2....Edward Grafton, 1591.

3....Richard Grafton, of whom below.

4....Joan, the wife of Richard Totel, esquire, 1597.

Richard Grafton, son of the above Richard, married twice. By his first wife Joan Nikolson, he had issue: Mary, 1591. His second wife is described as: "Brichiart v. John Cheyne Esgwier o Marged Slad koeres." By her he had issue:—

1....John Grafton, 1591. He married: "Elsbeth eyr William Morgan o Harffort Ar. 1613" and had issue:—

1....James Grafton, 1613.

2....Richard Grafton.

3....Brichiart, the wife of James Holdsyos, of Harffort, armiger.

4....Ann, the wife of Morgan Eliot, 1613.

5....Elsbeth, the wife of John Fender, 1613.

6....Jan, the wife of Henry Gil, 1613.

7....Ankret, the wife of Walter Bys.

8....Jowan.

9....Katrin.

This pedigree is headed "Kaeryw A Llundain" with a footnote to the first word: "in Pembrokeshire." We take this to mean that the family was of Kaeryw, in Pembrokeshire, and of London.

After the name of Adam Grafton we find: "o Dref Ymwythig" with a footnote: "of Shrewsbury."

There is the following long footnote to the name of Richard Grafton "who made the Chronicle of all England":

Richard Grafton was brought up as a merchant, in London, a profession which he afterwards exchanged for that of a Printer. In 1526, he resided at Antwerp, and printed the first edition of the New Testament in English, translated by Wm. Tyndall, a native of Wales. In 1537, he, in connexion with Edward Whitechurch, published the folio English Bible, called Matthew's Bible. He afterwards removed to Paris, and was there engaged in printing the Holy Scriptures in English; but meeting with some persecution he removed to England, and followed his profession until 1540, when he was imprisoned for publishing the Bible without notes. In 1543, he was made King's Printer; of which office he was deprived in 1553, and imprisoned in consequence of his having printed the Proclamation of Lady Jane Grey. Whilst in confinement he compiled an Abridgement of the Chronicles of England, which was published in 1562. Seven years afterwards he published an enlarged edition of the Chronicles, under the title of "A Chronicle at large of the Affayres of England from the Creation of the Worlde unto Queene Elizabeth." He is supposed to have died about the year 1572.

The following appears with the above pedigree:—

"Arfan Richiart Grafton, Gerend o'r 4 Ermines & s. a leion rampant Or armed, 1 G.

The Krest a Fawken off the 3 disblaed standing off a stock off a tri or, bey Klarensus Ano R. R. Elsbeth 26. Ano R. R. Elsbeth 33 Dated the 5 dai off November.

Reseved off R. Grafton x s. John Grafton."

To this there is the following footnote:—

The arms here given are different from what Edmondson assigns to this Crest, and those which he gives of the same have a different Crest thus:—

Grafton, (Shrewsbury, Little Missenden in Bucks. and of London) : Per saltier sa. and erm. a lion rampant or. Crest, on the trunk of a tree coupéd and eradicated or, an eagle volant of the last.

Grafton (1605) : Gyronny of four erm. and sa., a lion rampant or. Crest, on a tun or barrel or, a falcon with wings expanded ar., holding in his claw a sceptre of the first.

There are two grants of Arms in the Heralds' College, from which the following pedigree confirmatory of Lewys Dwnn may be deduced:—

Adam Grafton, of Shrewsbury, married and had issue:—

Nicholas Grafton, who married and had issue:—

Richard Grafton, of London, stationer and printer; had a grant of arms and Crest by Hervey, Clarenceaux, 26 June 1560 2d. Eliza. vizt. Gyronny of four ermine and sable a lion rampt. or. Crest, a falcon standing on a tun or, holding in his right foot a mace azure. In this grant is styled: "of London, esquire." He married and had issue:—

Richard Grafton, of London, 3rd son; had a grant of the same arms and for Crest a falcon standing upon a stump of a tree or, by Cook, Clarenceaux, in 1584, which exactly confirms what Lewys Dwnn has averred.

Sundry marriages noticed when searching for other names:—

*At Dursley, Gloucs.:*—

John Egby & Mary Grafton, 8 Nov. 1675.

*At Heston, Middx.:*—

John Marshall & Edetha Grafton, 4 Feb. 1562-3.

John Grafton & Agnes Mishow, 14 Aug. 1564.

John Grafton & Elizabeth Poplie, widow, 8 Aug. 1586.

*At Kingsdon, Somerset:*—

John Grafton & Mariam Barber, 19 Oct. 1621.

*At Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire:*—

John Grafton & Ann Aing, 21 Oct. 1657.

John Grafton & Mary Huggins, 15 Apr. 1688.

*At Martlesham, Suffolk:*—

John Grafton, of Wickham Market, & Susan Crisp, 7 Oct. 1690.

## ADDENDA.

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A hint as to the provenance of the families mentioned on page four of these notes is contained in the Act Book of the Archdeaconry of Norwich, Blofield, Flegg and Yarmouth, 1634-5, where the following entry appears:—

“Widowe Skarlett, notified for walking in the town & streetes of yarmouth on the saboth Daies in the tyme of the celebracon of Devine service & sermon preched. Investigated 26 February 1634, 7s. and costs by next court. Ad Nouam Angl.”

In the margin is the note “In Newe England.” From the fact that not only Scarlets but Brownings, Saunders and other suggestive names are likewise found in these records it is reasonable to infer that the ‘widowe Skarlett’ above and Anne Scarlet of Salem were one and the same person.

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In Mr. George Andrews Moriarty’s article on the Kitchen family (Essex Institute Historical Collections, vol. LI, p. 128) it is stated that John Kitchen and Elizabeth Grafton (No. 2) in addition to the children given herein had also two daughters, Abigail who married John Guppy, 3:4:1669 and Priscilla who married in October 1672, Nathaniel Hunn of Boston.

In the same article Mr. Moriarty says: “Now Samuel Sewall, in his Diary, under date of 24 August, 1688, records that he travelled from Salem to Boston with the widow Boardman and ‘Mr. Kitchen’s daughter that he had by Mary Boardman.’ This is clearly Mary, the daughter of William Boardman of Cambridge, born 9 March, 1656, whose subsequent career has hitherto been unknown. Robert Kitchen then married, first, before 31 May, 1681, Mary, daughter of Major William Boardman of Cambridge, the first steward of Harvard University, and married, secondly, before 17 July 1688, Bethia, daughter of Dr. Daniel Weld, A.B., of Salem, surgeon general to the New England army at the great swamp fight in December, 1675.”





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